NEW STARS for "OLD GLORY"

GOSH, DAD, OUR FLAG LOOKS DIFFERENT WITH 49 STARS--BUT I WONDER WHAT OUR *FIRST* FLAG LOOKED LIKE?

MUCH DIFFERENT! IT WAS CALLED THE *GRAND UNION FLAG*...

"GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON BEAT THE BRITISH AT BOSTON UNDER THAT FLAG BEFORE OUR COUNTRY WAS BORN. THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WAS SIGNED UNDER IT, TOO..."

"JOHN PAUL JONES TOOK OUR FIRST *STARS AND STRIPES* OUT TO SEA IN 1777. IT HAD 13 RED AND WHITE STRIPES AND 13 STARS. A FRENCH WAR VESSEL GAVE IT A NINE-GUN SALUTE..."

I MUST WRITE CONGRESS ABOUT THIS--OUR FIRST RECOGNITION FROM A FOREIGN POWER!

"IN 1794 TWO NEW STRIPES AND TWO NEW STARS WERE ADDED FOR KENTUCKY AND VERMONT. THIS FLAG WAS USED IN THE WAR OF 1812, AND WAS THE ONE THAT INSPIRED THE COMPOSITION OF THE 'STAR-SPANGLED BANNER'..."

"THEN IN 1818 CONGRESS VOTED THAT THE FLAG SHOULD NEVER HAVE MORE THAN 13 STRIPES, IN HONOR OF THE FIRST 13 STATES, AND THAT A NEW STAR SHOULD BE ADDED FOR EACH NEW STATE..."

GENTLEMEN, LET US RISE IN HONOR OF OUR TWO NEW STATES, NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA. IN THIS YEAR OF 1912 WE NOW HAVE 48 STARS FOR "OLD GLORY."

AND THAT'S THE WAY OUR FLAG STAYED UNTIL THIS YEAR WHEN ALASKA BECAME OUR 49TH STATE.

AND NEXT YEAR, WE'LL HAVE 50 STARS WHEN HAWAII BECOMES OUR NEXT NEW STATE. WONDER HOW "OLD GLORY" WILL LOOK THEN?

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MYSTERY IN SPACE
A New ADAM STRANGE Thriller--
"The BEAST from the RUNAWAY WORLD!"

ADAM STRANGE

ADAM, IF WE EXPLODE THE NUCLEAR BOMB THAT SPACE-MISSILE IS CARRYING -- WE OURSELVES WILL BE CAUGHT IN ITS DEADLY BLAST!
IT'S A RISK WE'VE GOT TO TAKE -- IF WE HOPE TO SAVE RANN FROM DESTRUCTION!

TO ONE MAN ALONE OF ALL EARTH'S TEEMING MILLIONS -- **ADAM STRANGE** -- HAS BEEN GRANTED THE STRANGE POWER TO RIDE A TELEPORTIONAL **ZETA-BEAM** 25 TRILLION MILES ACROSS SPACE TO **RANN**, A PLANET OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM OF **ALPHA CENTAURI!** ON **RANN** HE SHARES DARING ADVENTURES WITH THE LOVELY **ALANNA**, HIS INTERPLANETARY SWEETHEART! ON **RANN** ALSO HE HAS LEARNED TO EXPECT AN UNUSUAL MENACE -- WHICH **THIS** TIME TURNS OUT TO BE --

The BEAST FROM THE RUNAWAY WORLD!

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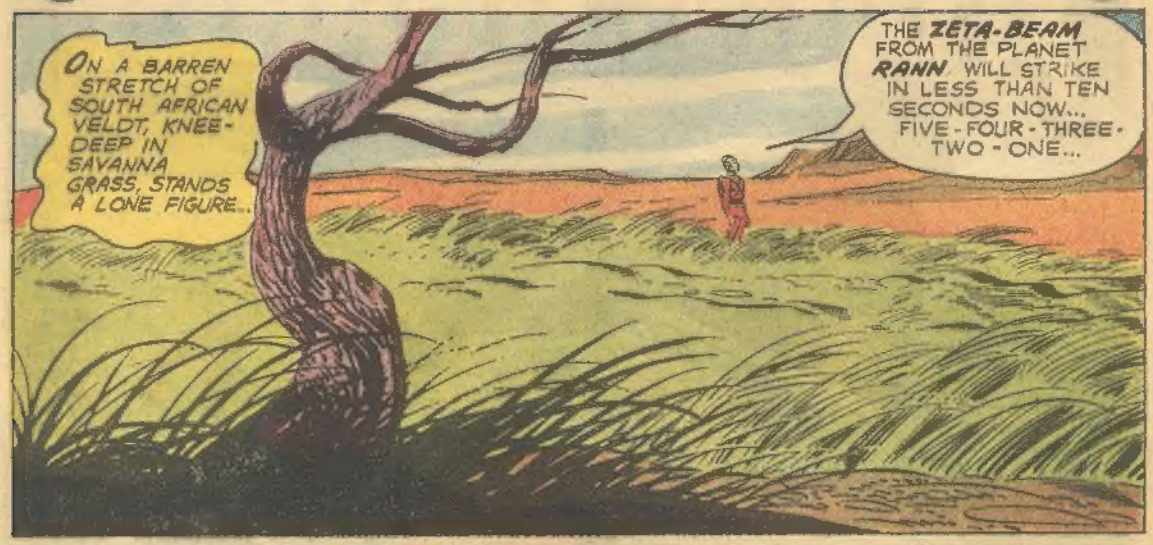
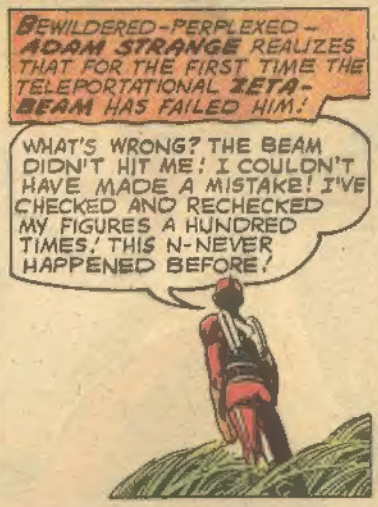
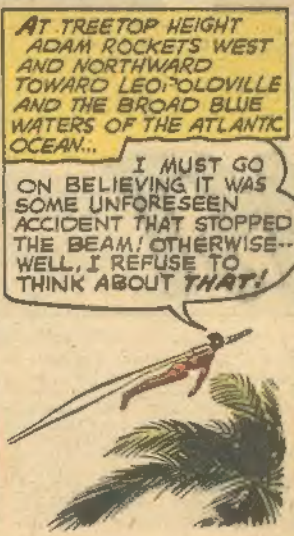

ON A BARREN STRETCH OF SOUTH AFRICAN VELDT, KNEE-DEEP IN SAVANNA GRASS, STANDS A LONE FIGURE...
THE ZETA-BEAM FROM THE PLANET RANN WILL STRIKE IN LESS THAN TEN SECONDS NOW... FIVE - FOUR - THREE - TWO - ONE...

ZERO!

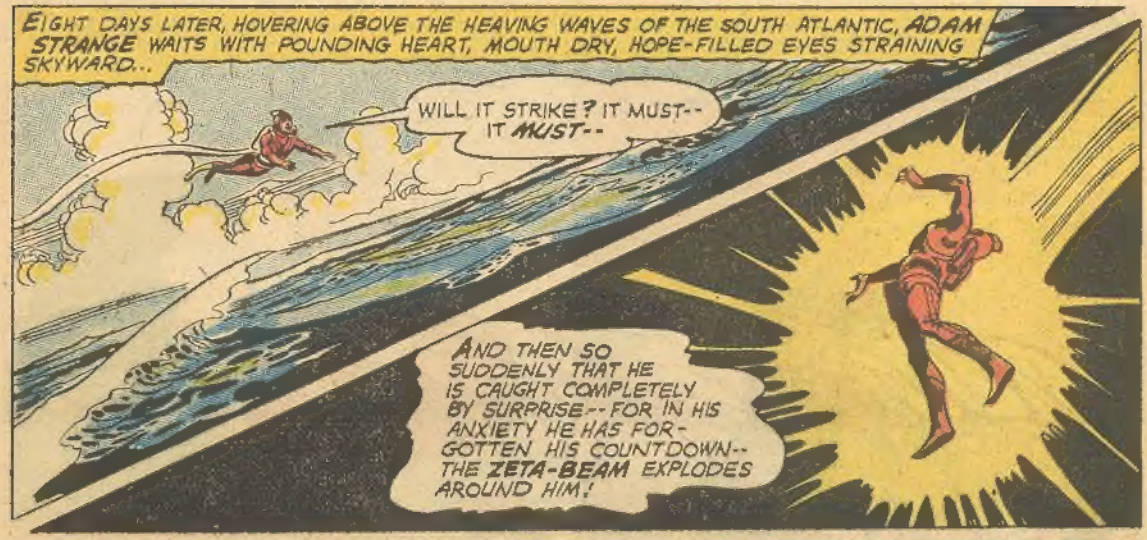

BEWILDERED-PERPLEXED-ADAM STRANGE REALIZES THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME THE TELEPORTATIONAL ZETA-BEAM HAS FAILED HIM!
WHAT'S WRONG? THE BEAM DIDN'T HIT ME! I COULDN'T HAVE MADE A MISTAKE! I'VE CHECKED AND RECHECKED MY FIGURES A HUNDRED TIMES! THIS N-NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE!

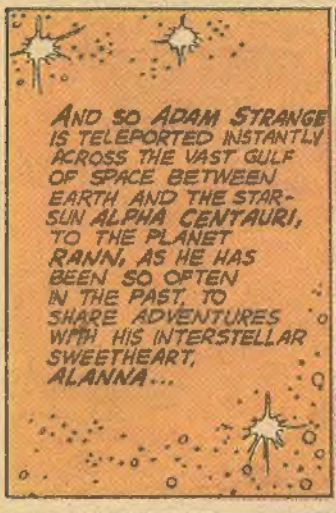
A NUMBING REALIZATION OF HIS LOSS OVERWHELMS HIM AS HE TURNS BLINDLY AWAY...
AM I DOOMED NEVER TO SEE MY BELOVED ALANNA AGAIN? NEVER TO SHARE ADVENTURES WITH HER ON RANN? WILL 25 TRILLION MILES OF COLD SPACE FOREVER KEEP US APART?

NO! I CAN'T BELIEVE FATE WOULD BE SO CRUEL! ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS, THE NEXT ZETA-BEAM IS DUE TO STRIKE IN EIGHT DAYS, THREE HOURS, AND FORTY-ONE MINUTES FROM NOW OVER THE ATLANTIC! I'VE GOT TO BE THERE WHEN IT DOES!


AT TREETOP HEIGHT ADAM ROCKETS WEST AND NORTHWARD TOWARD LEOPOLDVILLE AND THE BROAD BLUE WATERS OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN...
I MUST GO ON BELIEVING IT WAS SOME UNFORESEEN ACCIDENT THAT STOPPED THE BEAM! OTHERWISE--WELL, I REFUSE TO THINK ABOUT THAT!

THIS TIME I UTILIZED MY STAY ON EARTH TO PERFECT MY RANN RAY-GUN--QUADRUPLING ITS FIRE-POWER. WHAT BOTHERS ME NOW IS--WILL I EVER GET A CHANCE TO USE IT--ON RANN?


EIGHT DAYS LATER, HOVERING ABOVE THE HEAVING WAVES OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC, ADAM STRANGE WAITS WITH POUNDING HEART, MOUTH DRY, HOPE-FILLED EYES STRAINING SKYWARD...
WILL IT STRIKE? IT MUST-- IT MUST--
AND THEN SO SUDDENLY THAT HE IS CAUGHT COMPLETELY BY SURPRISE-- FOR IN HIS ANXIETY HE HAS FORGOTTEN HIS COUNTDOWN-- THE ZETA-BEAM EXPLODES AROUND HIM!


AND SO ADAM STRANGE IS TELEPORTED INSTANTLY ACROSS THE VAST GULF OF SPACE BETWEEN EARTH AND THE STAR-SUN ALPHA CENTAURI, TO THE PLANET RANN, AS HE HAS BEEN SO OFTEN IN THE PAST, TO SHARE ADVENTURES WITH HIS INTERSTELLAR SWEETHEART, ALANNA...

NOW AS HIS FEET TOUCH SOLID GROUND HE SEES ALANNA RACING TOWARD HIM...
OHH, ADAM! I-I WAS AFRAID I WAS NEVER GOING TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
WHY, ALANNA-- YOU'RE CRYING!

WHEN YOU DIDN'T APPEAR EIGHT DAYS AGO I WAS SURE SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAD HAPPENED TO YOU!
HERE, NOW! WHAT WAS THIS TERRIBLE THING YOU THOUGHT HAPPENED TO ME?

I TH-THOUGHT ZARADAK HA-HAD KILLED YOU!
ZARADAK?! WHO OR WHAT IN THE WORLD IS ZARADAK?
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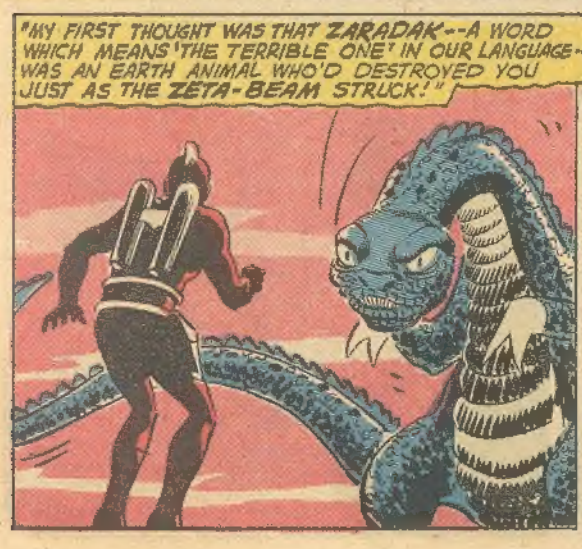
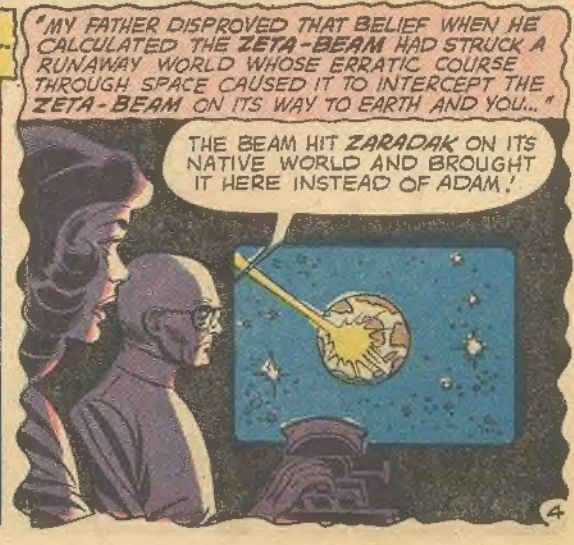
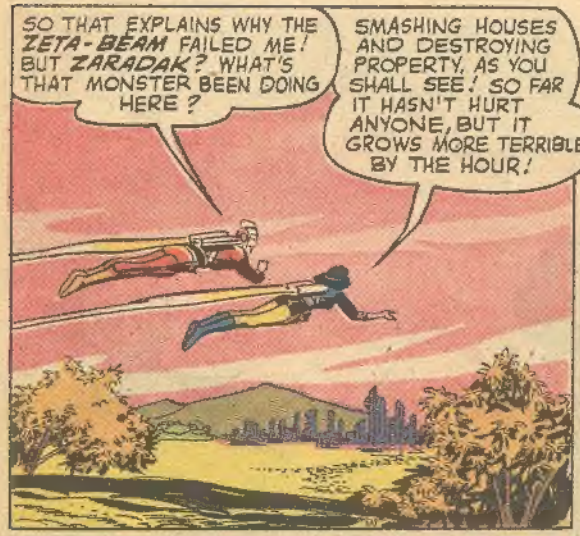
AN EARTH-SHAKING ROAR IS ADAM'S ANSWER! TOWERING HIGH ABOVE THE SPIRES AND RAMPS OF THE CAPITAL CITY OF RANAGAR LOOMS THE MONSTROUS BULK OF A TITANIC BEAST!
THAT IS ZARADAK!
WOW!
RRROOWWRRR!

WHERE IN SPACE DID THAT THING COME FROM?
THE ZETA-BEAM BROUGHT IT-- INSTEAD OF YOU!

"EIGHT DAYS AGO I WAS WAITING FOR YOU TO APPEAR AS I ALWAYS DO. WHEN..."
OHH--!


"MY FIRST THOUGHT WAS THAT ZARADAK--A WORD WHICH MEANS 'THE TERRIBLE ONE' IN OUR LANGUAGE--WAS AN EARTH ANIMAL WHO'D DESTROYED YOU JUST AS THE ZETA-BEAM STRUCK!"

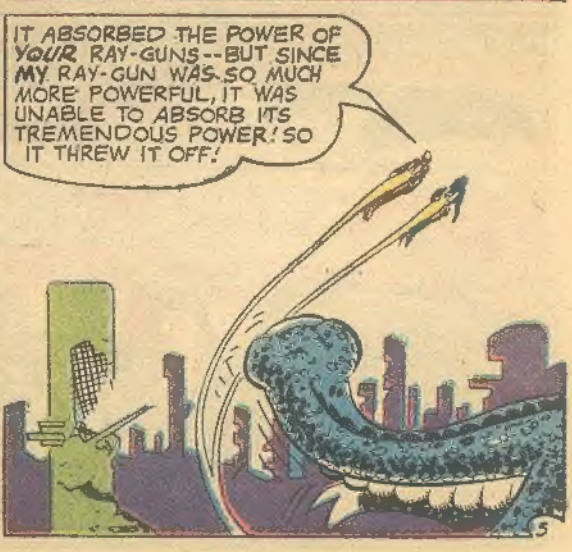

"MY FATHER DISPROVED THAT BELIEF WHEN HE CALCULATED THE ZETA-BEAM HAD STRUCK A RUNAWAY WORLD WHOSE ERRATIC COURSE THROUGH SPACE CAUSED IT TO INTERCEPT THE ZETA-BEAM ON ITS WAY TO EARTH AND YOU..."
THE BEAM HIT ZARADAK ON ITS NATIVE WORLD AND BROUGHT IT HERE INSTEAD OF ADAM!


SO THAT EXPLAINS WHY THE ZETA-BEAM FAILED ME! BUT ZARADAK? WHAT'S THAT MONSTER BEEN DOING HERE?
SMASHING HOUSES AND DESTROYING PROPERTY, AS YOU SHALL SEE! SO FAR IT HASN'T HURT ANYONE, BUT IT GROWS MORE TERRIBLE BY THE HOUR!

WE KNOW ZARADAK WILL DISAPPEAR EVENTUALLY, DRAWN BACK TO ITS OWN PLANET AS EARTH DRAWS YOU, BUT UNTIL THEN WE'RE HELPLESS! WE SHOT OUR RAY-GUNS AT IT -- BUT THE BEAST JUST ABSORBS THE RAYS!
I WAS HOPING FOR A CHANCE TO TEST MY IMPROVED RAY-GUN! LOOKS LIKE THIS IS IT!

CIRCLING ABOUT THE GIGANTIC BEAST, ADAM WAITS WITH TAUT TRIGGER-FINGER! THEN -- AN OPENING! A BLAST OF POWERFUL RAY-ENERGY SEARS THE AIR...
DEAD CENTER! I HIT IT DEAD CENTER, ALANNA!

THE RAY LEAPS UPWARD FROM THE MONSTER WITH ALMOST THE SPEED OF LIGHT -- STRAIGHT FOR ALANNA!
ADAM -- STOP FIRING! YOUR RAY-BLAST BOUNCED OFF ZARADAK AND ALMOST HIT ME!
NO! IT DIDN'T BOUNCE OFF THE BEAST -- IT THREW IT OFF!


IT ABSORBED THE POWER OF YOUR RAY-GUNS -- BUT SINCE MY RAY-GUN WAS SO MUCH MORE POWERFUL, IT WAS UNABLE TO ABSORB ITS TREMENDOUS POWER! SO IT THREW IT OFF!

THROUGH THE CITY OF RANAGAR THE BEHEMOTH RAGES, MIGHTY FEET POWDERING BRICK AND CONCRETE, GREAT JAWS CRUMPLING STEEL AND IRON! AND EVEN AS IT ROARS DEFIANCE, THE LAND QUIVERS UNDERFOOT...
ADAM! THE BUILDINGS ARE SHAKING! IS--IS THE BEAST DOING THAT OR-OR IS IT A LANDQUAKE?
I DON'T KNOW! BUT WHAT MAY BE MORE IMPORTANT--IS THAT I'M BEGINNING TO GET AN IDEA WHAT ZARADAK IS UP TO!
THERE--SEE IT MUNCHING ON THAT BUILDING? I'VE GOT A HUNCH IT'S DOING THAT BECAUSE--IT'S HUNGRY!
HUNGRY?!
IN RESPONSE TO ADAM'S SUGGESTIONS, GREAT TREES AND TONS OF VEGETABLES ARE DUMPED INTO THE GREAT SQUARE OF RANAGAR! SOON THE MIGHTY ANIMAL IS FEASTING TO ITS HEART'S CONTENT!
AN ANIMAL THAT BIG HAS TO EAT ALMOST CONSTANTLY TO STAY ALIVE--JUST AS THE DINOSAURS DID ON EARTH IN PRIMEVAL DAYS! THE RAY SNATCHED IT OUT OF ITS NATIVE FOREST AND DUMPED IT INTO A CITY! RESULT--NO FOOD!
GOOD FELLA, GOOD FELLA!
WELL, IT CERTAINLY LOOKS AS IF YOU'VE MADE A FRIEND, ADAM!
ALANNA! ADAM STRANGE! COME QUICKLY! RANN HAS JUST BEEN BOMBED FROM OUTER SPACE!

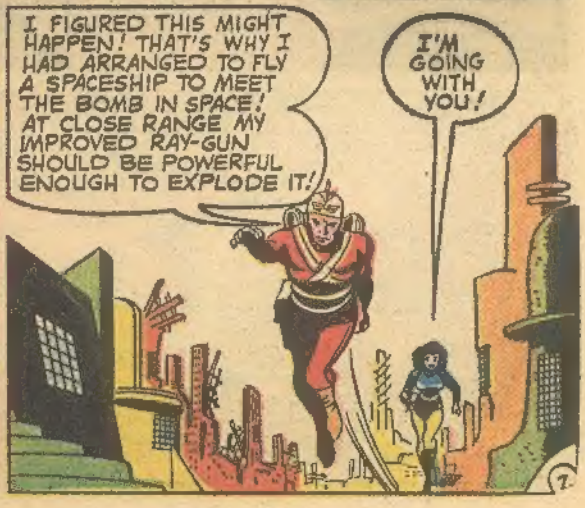
SOON, AT THE SITE OF THE MIGHTY BOMB EXPLOSION...
THE WARLIKE SFARR! OF THE PLANET SFAR IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM FIRED THE BOMB AT US--DEMANDING OUR SURRENDER! NEXT TIME THEY THREATEN TO HIT ONE OF OUR CITIES! WE MUST SURRENDER--
NEVER!

FACE UPTURNED TO THE STARS, ADAM STRANGE HURLS HIS GRIM DEFIANCE INTO THE BLACK DEPTHS OF SPACE...
HEAR ME, PEOPLE OF SFAR--I WILL NEVER ALLOW YOUR BOMBS TO HARM THE PEOPLE OF RANN!

BUT YOU HAVE NO WAY OF STOPPING THOSE BOMBS, ADAM!
OH, YES I HAVE--WITH THE HELP OF ZARADAK! IT'S MY SECRET WEAPON! REMEMBER, IT CAN THROW OFF ANY ENERGY FIRED AGAINST IT!

WHEN A SECOND BOMB IS FIRED FROM SFAR, ADAM LEADS THE NOW DOCILE ZARADAK OUT TO WHERE IT IS CALCULATED THE BOMB WILL LAND...
THE SECOND BOMB WILL LAND HERE--FLUSH ON ZARADAK! BUT ZARADAK WON'T BE HURT BY IT! IT'LL THROW OFF THE BOMB'S ENERGY--PERHAPS HURL IT BACK ON SFAR ITSELF!

THEN TO ALANNA'S SUDDEN TERROR, ZARADAK BEGINS TO FADE FROM SIGHT...
ADAM! THE ZETA-BEAM HAS WORN OFF--AND ZARADAK IS GOING BACK TO ITS HOME PLANET THE WAY YOU DO! WE'LL ALL BE DESTROYED BY THE BOMB NOW!
NO WE WON'T!

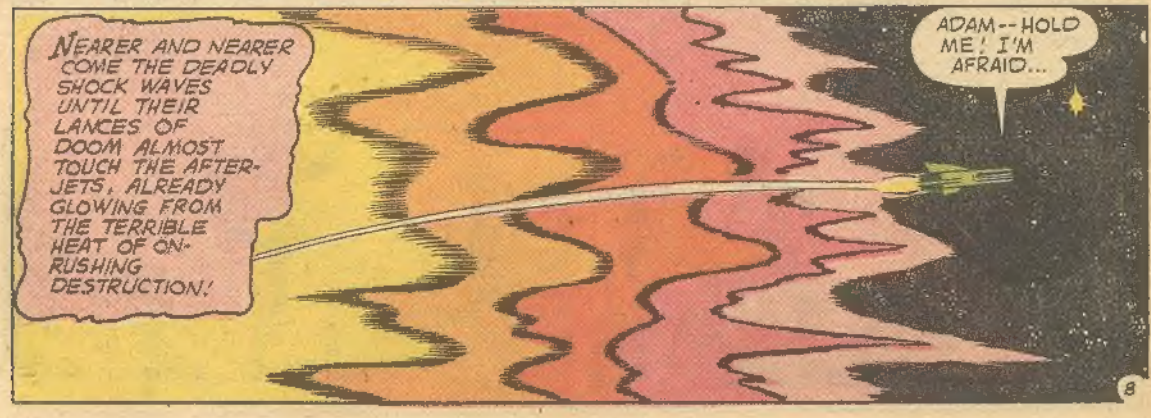

I FIGURED THIS MIGHT HAPPEN! THAT'S WHY I HAD ARRANGED TO FLY A SPACESHIP TO MEET THE BOMB IN SPACE! AT CLOSE RANGE MY IMPROVED RAY-GUN SHOULD BE POWERFUL ENOUGH TO EXPLODE IT!
I'M GOING WITH YOU!

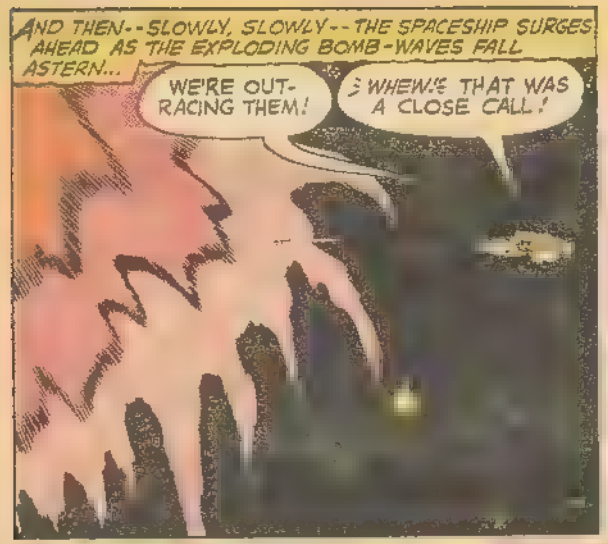
NO, ALANNA--IT'S TOO DANGEROUS! WHEN THE BOMB EXPLODES--THE SPACESHIP MAY BE CAUGHT IN ITS SHOCK FIELD AND DESTROYED!
BUT SUPPOSE YOU DISAPPEAR IN SPACE AS ZARADAK DID ON RANN? NO ONE WOULD BE LEFT TO SAVE RANN!
NO, ADAM--I INSIST ON FIGHTING FOR MY NATIVE WORLD!

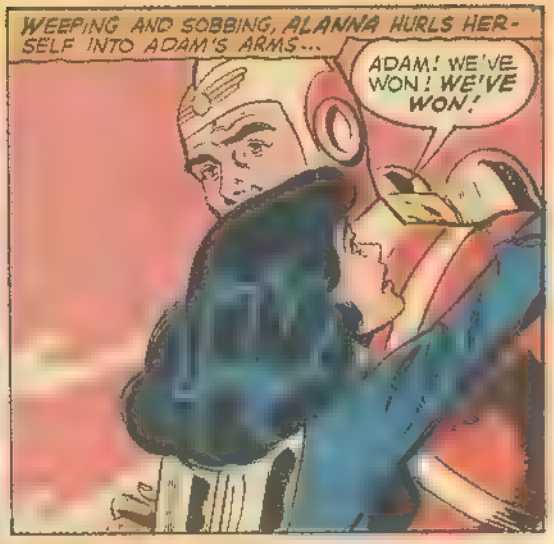
SHORTLY, THE RANN SPACESHIP HURTLES UPWARD TO MEET THE DESTRUCTIVE BOMB...
I FIGURE WE'LL INTERCEPT THE SECOND BOMB FIFTY THOUSAND MILES FROM RANN!

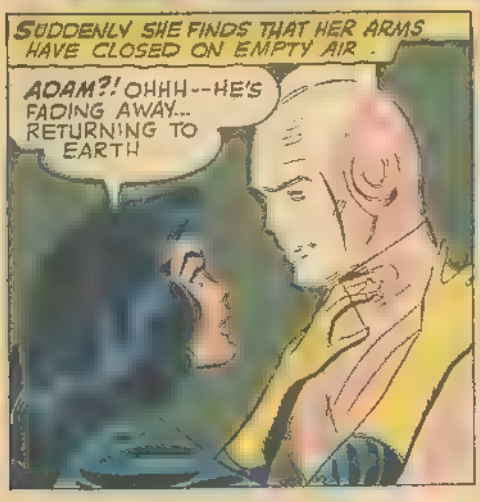
IN THE COSMIC GULFS BETWEEN RANN AND SFAR, SPACESHIP AND BOMB COME CLOSE TOGETHER! SUDDENLY ADAM FIRES HIS RAY-GUN...
ADAM! THE EXPLOSION WILL DESTROY US! WE'RE TOO CLOSE TO IT!
ALL I CAN DO IS BANK AWAY--AND GIVE THE SHIP ALL THE SPEED SHE'S GOT!
YRRROMMMM

THEN BEGINS A RACE AGAINST COMPLETE OBLITERATION! AS ADAM STRANGE CROUCHES ABOVE THE CONTROLS, HE AND ALANNA ARE SPLASHED BY THE INCANDESCENT COLORS OF THE EXPLODING BOMB!
FASTER, ADAM! THE BOMB'S SHOCK WAVES ARE CATCHING UP TO US!


NEARER AND NEARER COME THE DEADLY SHOCK WAVES UNTIL THEIR LANCES OF DOOM ALMOST TOUCH THE AFTER-JETS, ALREADY GLOWING FROM THE TERRIBLE HEAT OF ON-RUSHING DESTRUCTION!
ADAM--HOLD ME! I'M AFRAID...


AND THEN--SLOWLY, SLOWLY--THE SPACESHIP SURGES AHEAD AS THE EXPLODING BOMB-WAVES FALL ASTERN...
WE'RE OUTRACING THEM!
WHEW! THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL!


WEEPING AND SOBBING, ALANNA HURLS HERSELF INTO ADAM'S ARMS...
ADAM! WE'VE WON! WE'VE WON!


SUDDENLY SHE FINDS THAT HER ARMS HAVE CLOSED ON EMPTY AIR.
ADAM?! OHHH--HE'S FADING AWAY... RETURNING TO EARTH

TWENTY-FIVE TRILLION MILES AWAY, ON EARTH ADAM STARES LONGINGLY AT THE SKY TOWARD ALPHA CENTAURI...
I'LL BE BACK, ALANNA... SOON!
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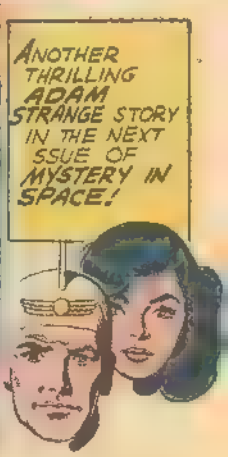
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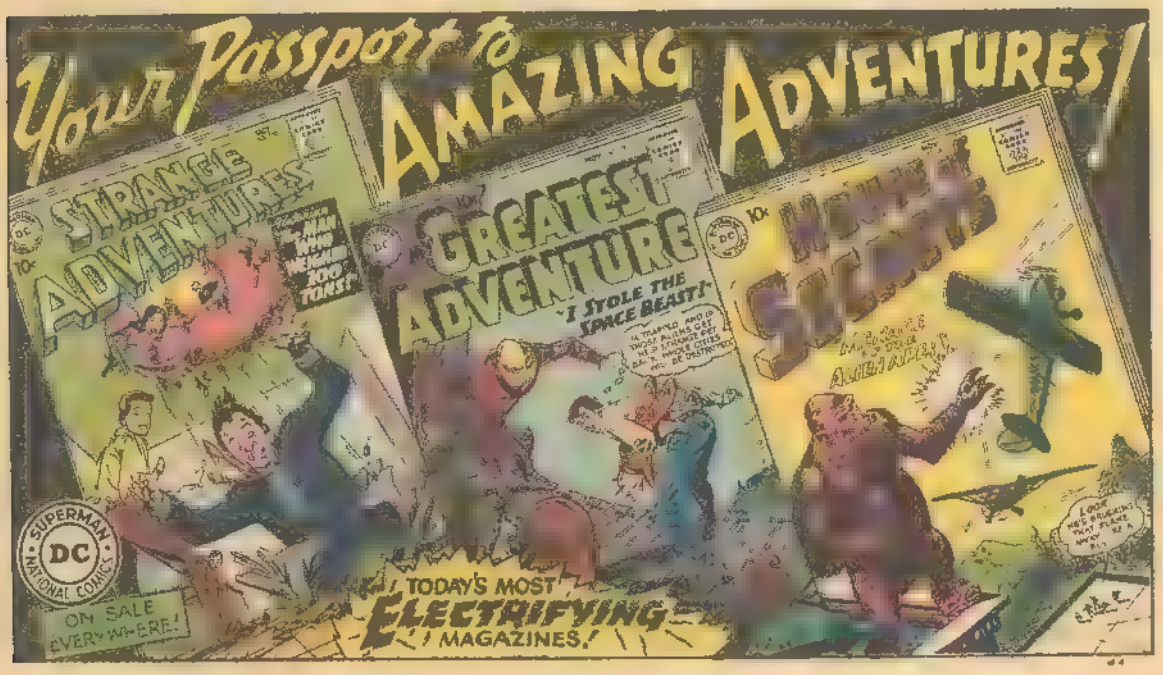
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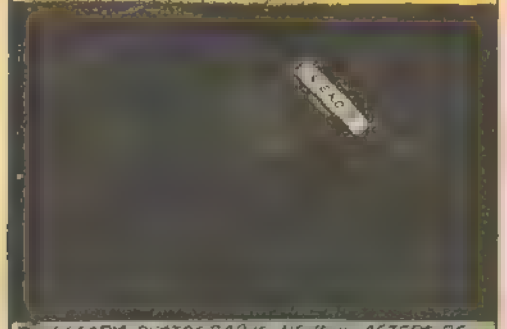
GIANTS OF THE TELESCOPE

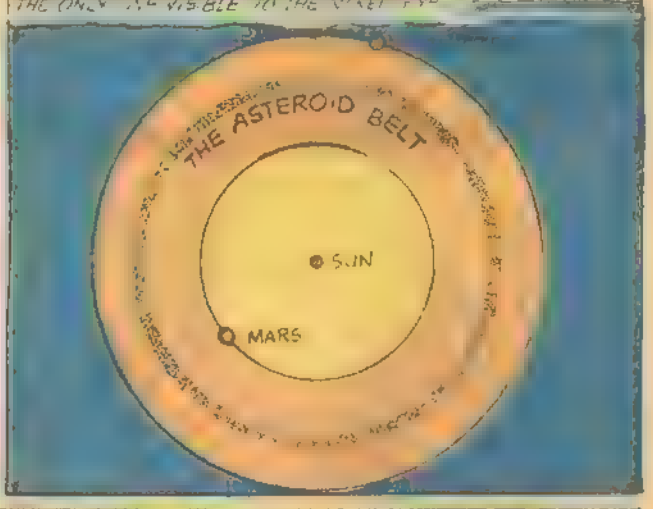
HEINRICH OLBERS (1758-1840)

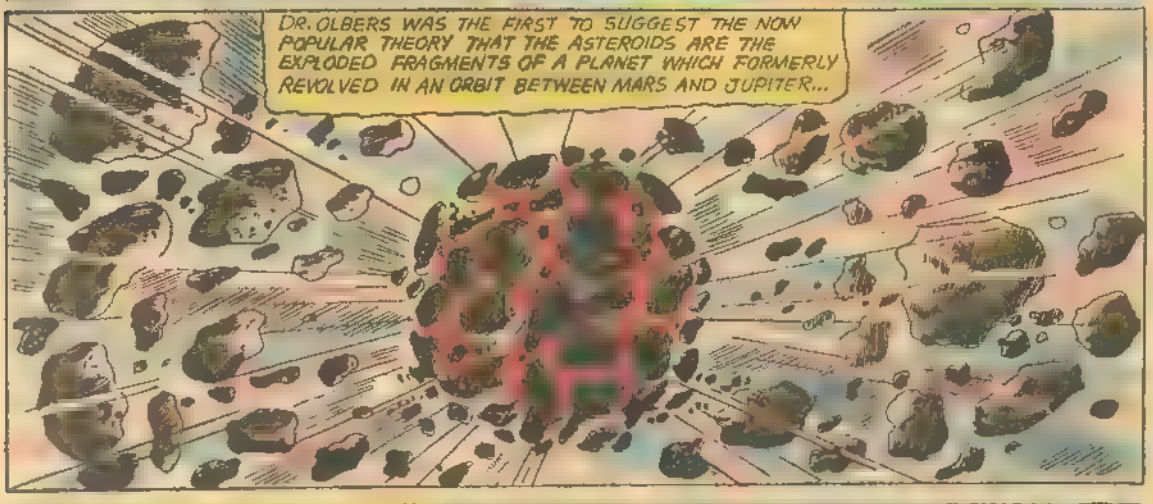
FOLLOWING THE SENSATIONAL DISCOVERY OF THE FIRST ASTEROID (CERES) IN 1801, AN INTENSIVE SEARCH FOR FURTHER ASTEROIDS WAS INITIATED. A YEAR LATER, DR. OLBERS - A GERMAN PHYSICIAN - SPENT MOST OF THE NIGHT SCANNING THE SKY FROM AN OBSERVATORY SET UP IN THE UPPER PORTION OF HIS HOUSE, DISCOVERED THE SECOND ASTEROID -- PALLAS...



TELESCOPIC PHOTOGRAPHS REVEAL ASTEROIDS -- WHICH LEAVE A SHORT TRAIL AS THEY MOVE AGAINST A "FIXED STAR" BACKGROUND...

CONTINUING HIS ASTEROID HUNT, THE AMATEUR ASTRONOMER DISCOVERED VESTA IN 1807. ALTHOUGH ONLY 214 MILES IN DIAMETER, VEGA IS THE BRIGHTEST OF THE ASTEROIDS AND THE ONLY ONE VISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE




DR. OLBERS WAS THE FIRST TO SUGGEST THE NOW POPULAR THEORY THAT THE ASTEROIDS ARE THE EXPLODED FRAGMENTS OF A PLANET WHICH FORMERLY REVOLVED IN AN ORBIT BETWEEN MARS AND JUPITER...

ACTUALLY, DR. OLBERS' PRIMARY ASTRONOMICAL INTEREST WAS IN COMETS -- AND THE COMET OF 1815 BEARS HIS NAME TO COMMEMORATE HIS DISCOVERY OF IT. HE MAINTAINED THAT THE TAILS OF COMETS WERE OF EXTREMELY SMALL DENSITY -- AND OFFERED AS PROOF THE FACT THAT THE EARTH HAD BEEN ENVELOPED IN THE TAIL OF COMET 1819, WITHOUT ANY ASTRONOMER BEING AWARE OF IT...

HOW OUR EARTH PASSED THROUGH THE TAIL OF COMET 1819

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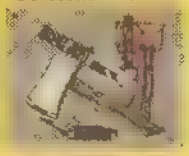
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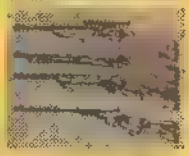
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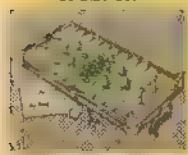
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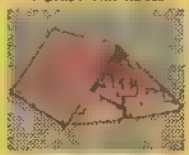
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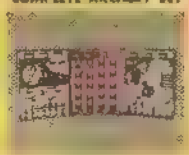
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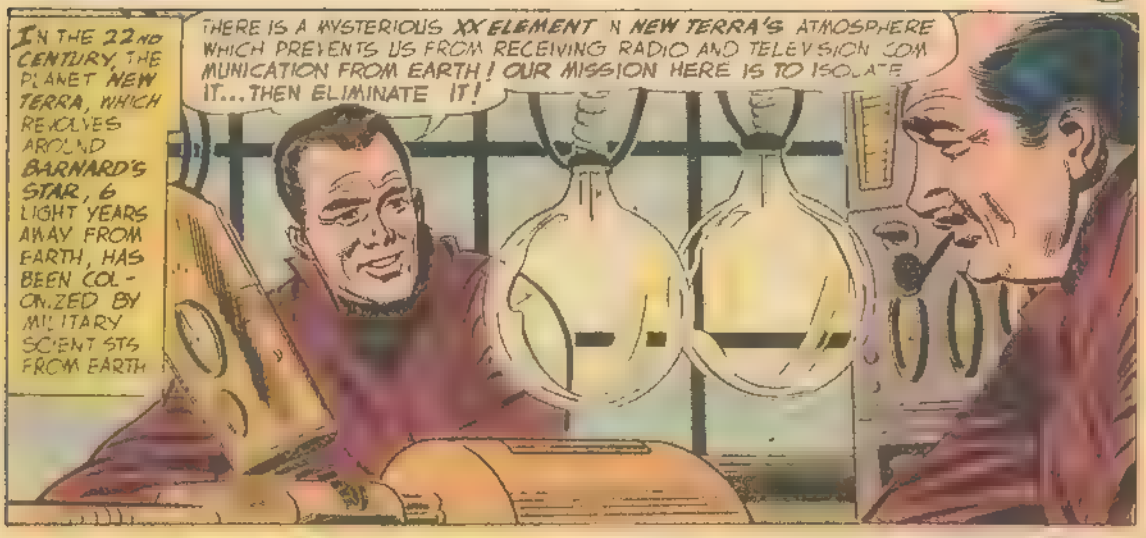
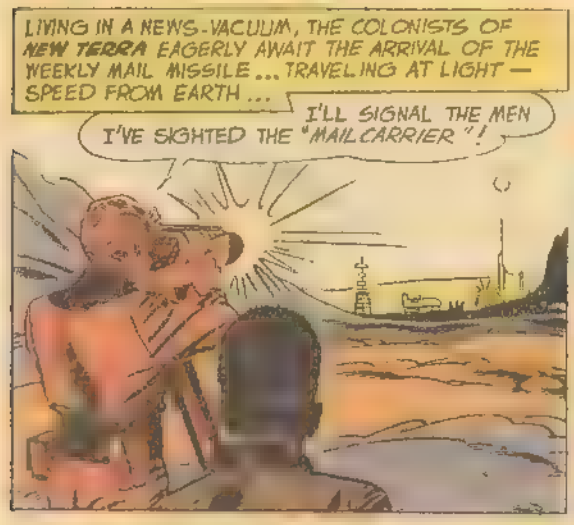
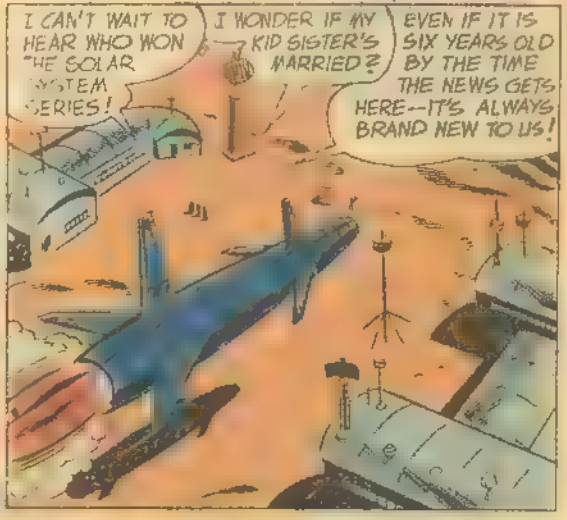
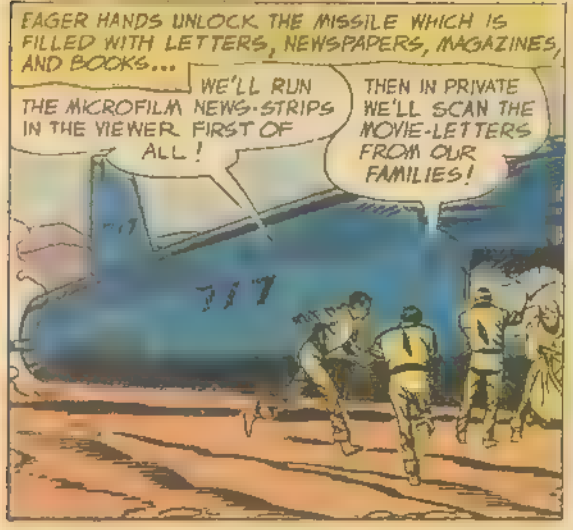
The DAY THE EARTH SURRENDERED!

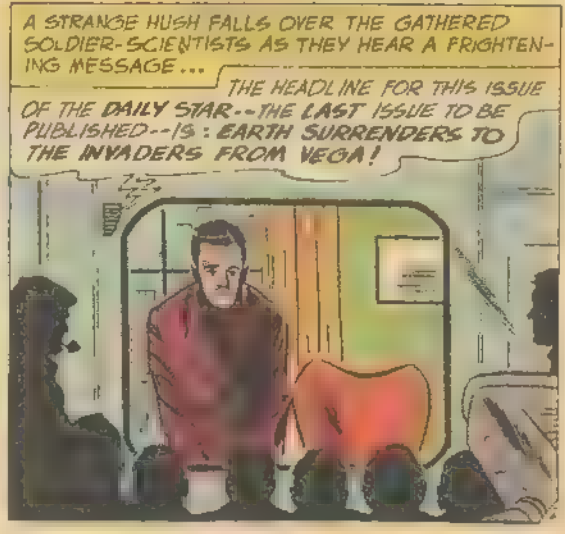
THE COLONISTS ARE ARMED WITH WEAPONS... BUT THEY WILL NO MORE BE ABLE TO FIRE THEM THAN DID THE OTHER EARTHMEN WE CONQUERED!
WITHOUT A SHOT BEING FIRED IN ITS DEFENSE, EARTH HAD BEEN FORCED TO SURRENDER TO THE INVADERS FROM VEGA!
THEN, EACH OF EARTH'S COLONY—PLANETS FELL TO THE ALIENS--UNTIL ONLY ONE SMALL OUTPOST REMAINED! COULD A HANDFUL OF EARTH COLONISTS SUCCEED WHERE BILLIONS OF EARTHMEN FAILED?

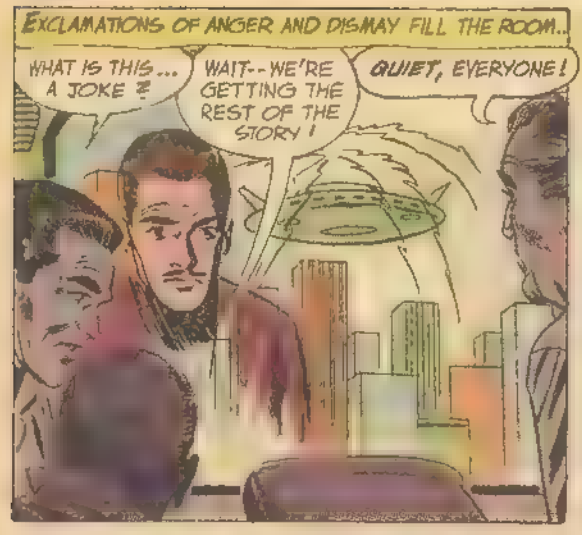

IN THE 22ND CENTURY, THE PLANET NEW TERRA, WHICH REVOLVES AROUND BARNARD'S STAR, 6 LIGHT YEARS AWAY FROM EARTH, HAS BEEN COLONIZED BY MILITARY SCIENTISTS FROM EARTH
THERE IS A MYSTERIOUS XX ELEMENT IN NEW TERRA'S ATMOSPHERE WHICH PREVENTS US FROM RECEIVING RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMUNICATION FROM EARTH! OUR MISSION HERE IS TO ISOLATE IT... THEN ELIMINATE IT!

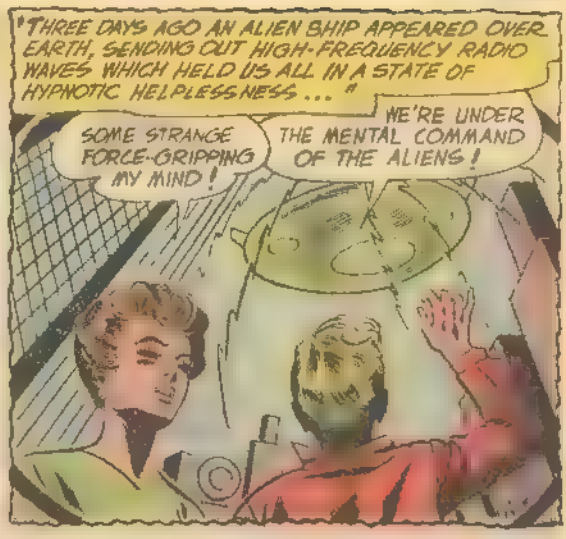

LIVING IN A NEWS-VACUUM, THE COLONISTS OF NEW TERRA EAGERLY AWAIT THE ARRIVAL OF THE WEEKLY MAIL MISSILE... TRAVELING AT LIGHT — SPEED FROM EARTH...
I'VE SIGHTED THE "MAIL CARRIER"!
I'LL SIGNAL THE MEN


I CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR WHO WON THE SOLAR SYSTEM SERIES!
I WONDER IF MY KID SISTER'S MARRIED?
EVEN IF IT IS SIX YEARS OLD BY THE TIME THE NEWS GETS HERE--IT'S ALWAYS BRAND NEW TO US!

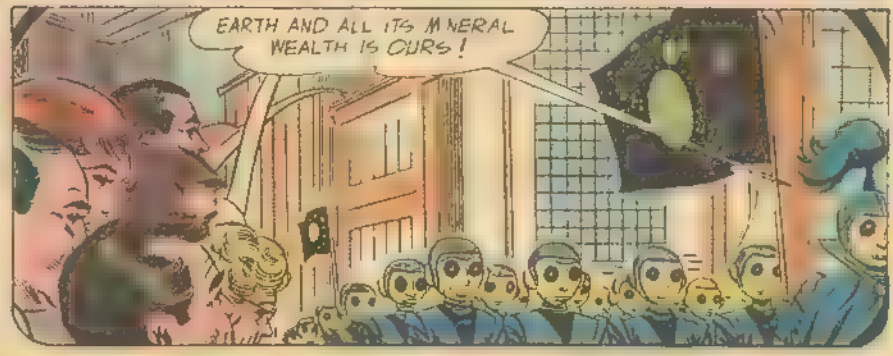

EAGER HANDS UNLOCK THE MISSILE WHICH IS FILLED WITH LETTERS, NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, AND BOOKS...
WE'LL RUN THE MICROFILM NEWS-STRIPS IN THE VIEWER FIRST OF ALL!
THEN IN PRIVATE WE'LL SCAN THE MOVIE-LETTERS FROM OUR FAMILIES!

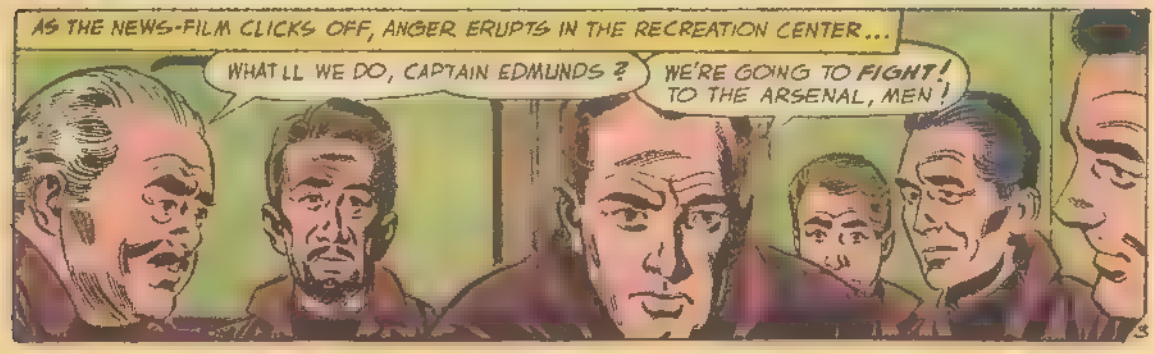

A STRANGE HUSH FALLS OVER THE GATHERED SOLDIER-SCIENTISTS AS THEY HEAR A FRIGHTENING MESSAGE...
THE HEADLINE FOR THIS ISSUE OF THE DAILY STAR--THE LAST ISSUE TO BE PUBLISHED--IS: EARTH SURRENDERS TO THE INVADERS FROM VEGA!

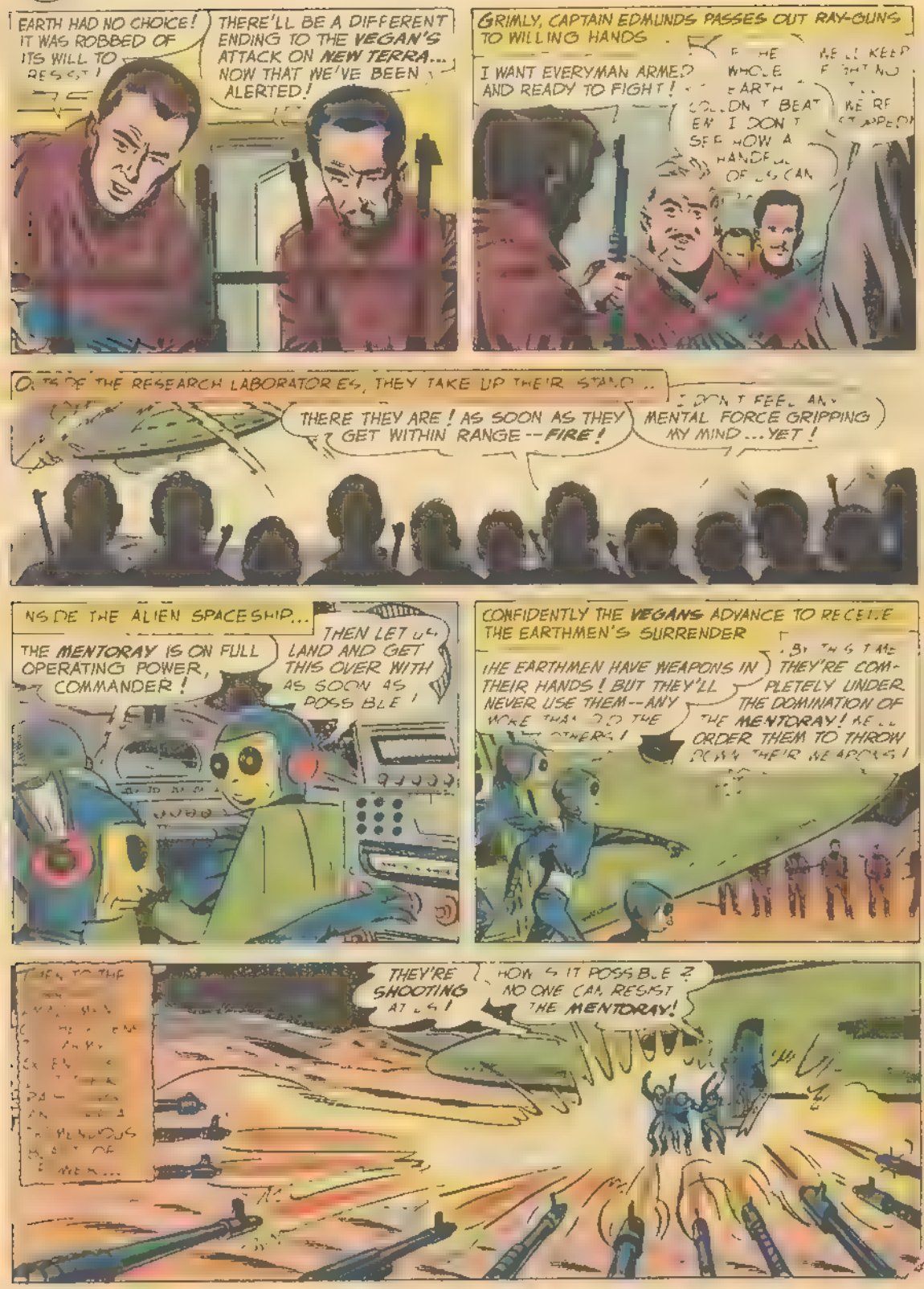


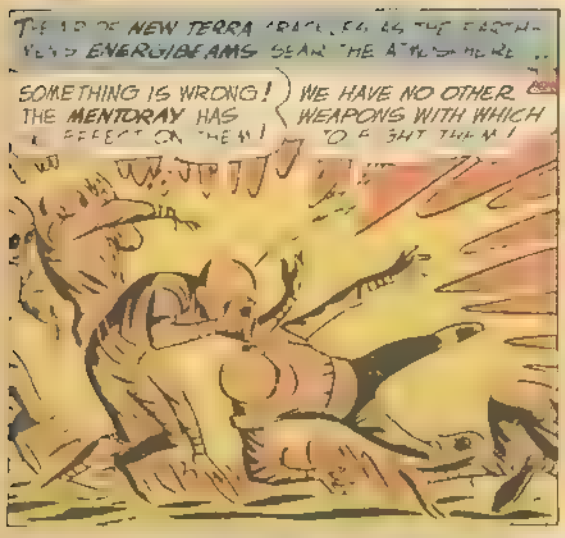

"THREE DAYS AGO AN ALIEN SHIP APPEARED OVER EARTH, SENDING OUT HIGH-FREQUENCY RADIO WAVES WHICH HELD US ALL IN A STATE OF HYPNOTIC HELPLESSNESS ... "
SOME STRANGE FORCE-GRIPPING MY MIND !
WE'RE UNDER THE MENTAL COMMAND OF THE ALIENS !

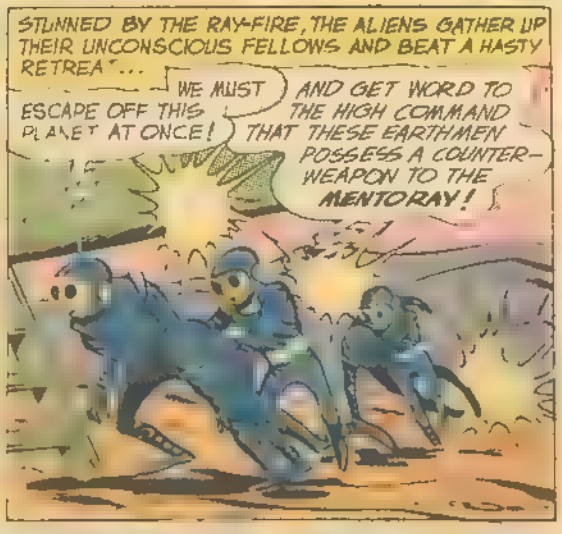
"BEFORE WE COULD DEFEND OURSELVES--EVEN BEFORE WE KNEW WE WERE BEING ATTACKED--WE WERE UNDER THE COMPLETE DOMINATION OF THE ALIENS' **MENTO-RAY** ! THERE WAS NO WAR ! WE WERE UNABLE EVEN TO FIRE A SINGLE WEAPON ! "

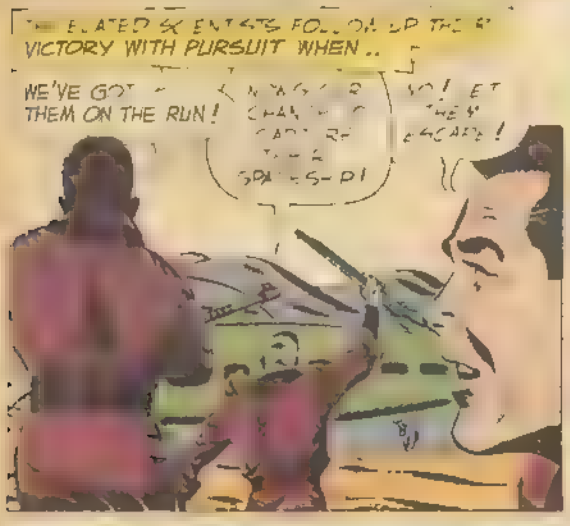


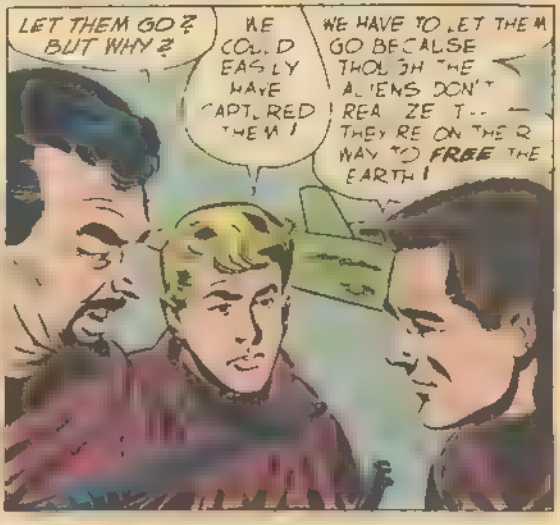

AS THE NEWS-FILM CLICKS OFF, ANGER ERUPTS IN THE RECREATION CENTER...
WHAT'LL WE DO, CAPTAIN EDMUNDS ?
WE'RE GOING TO FIGHT ! TO THE ARSENAL, MEN !

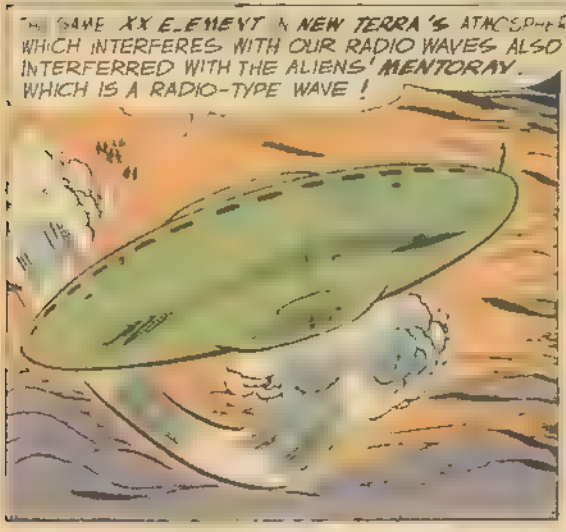

EARTH HAD NO CHOICE! IT WAS ROBBED OF ITS WILL TO RESIST!
THERE'LL BE A DIFFERENT ENDING TO THE VEGAN'S ATTACK ON NEW TERRA... NOW THAT WE'VE BEEN ALERTED!
GRIMLY, CAPTAIN EDMUNDS PASSES OUT RAY-GUNS TO WILLING HANDS
I WANT EVERYMAN ARMED AND READY TO FIGHT!
IF THE WHOLE EARTH COULDN'T BEAT 'EM I DON'T SEE HOW A HANDFUL OF US CAN
WE'LL KEEP FIGHTING WE'RE NOT BEATEN!
OUTSIDE THE RESEARCH LABORATORIES, THEY TAKE UP THEIR STAND..
THERE THEY ARE! AS SOON AS THEY GET WITHIN RANGE--FIRE!
I DON'T FEEL ANY MENTAL FORCE GRIPPING MY MIND...YET!
INSIDE THE ALIEN SPACESHIP...
THE MENTORAY IS ON FULL OPERATING POWER, COMMANDER!
THEN LET US LAND AND GET THIS OVER WITH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
CONFIDENTLY THE VEGANS ADVANCE TO RECEIVE THE EARTHMEN'S SURRENDER
THE EARTHMEN HAVE WEAPONS IN THEIR HANDS! BUT THEY'LL NEVER USE THEM--ANY MORE THAN DO THE OTHERS!
BY THIS TIME THEY'RE COMPLETELY UNDER THE DOMINATION OF THE MENTORAY! WE'LL ORDER THEM TO THROW DOWN THEIR WEAPONS!
THEN TO THE
THEY'RE SHOOTING AT US!
HOW IS IT POSSIBLE? NO ONE CAN RESIST THE MENTORAY!

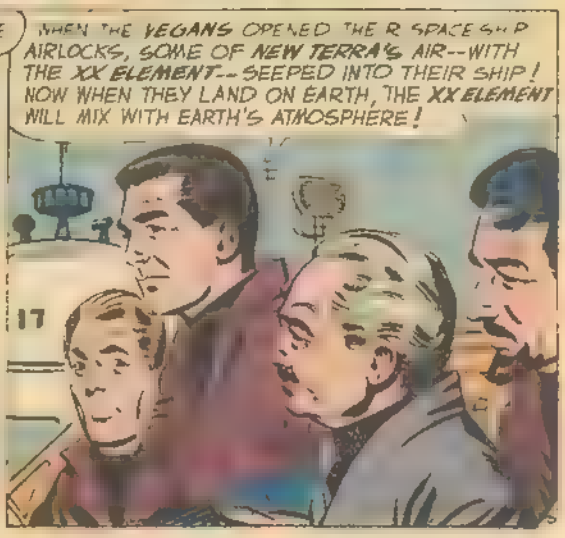

THE SHIP OF NEW TERRA ATTACKED AS THE EARTHMEN'S ENERGY BEAMS SEAR THE ATMOSPHERE ..
SOMETHING IS WRONG! THE MENTORAY HAS NO EFFECT ON THEM!
WE HAVE NO OTHER WEAPONS WITH WHICH TO FIGHT THEM!


STUNNED BY THE RAY-FIRE, THE ALIENS GATHER UP THEIR UNCONSCIOUS FELLOWS AND BEAT A HASTY RETREAT...
WE MUST ESCAPE OFF THIS PLANET AT ONCE!
AND GET WORD TO THE HIGH COMMAND THAT THESE EARTHMEN POSSESS A COUNTER-WEAPON TO THE MENTORAY!


THE ELATED SCIENTISTS FOLLOWED THEIR VICTORY WITH PURSUIT WHEN..
WE'VE GOT THEM ON THE RUN!
NO! LET THEM ESCAPE!


LET THEM GO? BUT WHY?
WE COULD EASILY HAVE CAPTURED THEM!
WE HAVE TO LET THEM GO BECAUSE THOUGH THE ALIENS DON'T REALIZE IT -- THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY TO FREE THE EARTH!


THE SAME XX ELEMENT IN NEW TERRA'S ATMOSPHERE WHICH INTERFERES WITH OUR RADIO WAVES ALSO INTERFERRED WITH THE ALIENS' MENTORAY, WHICH IS A RADIO-TYPE WAVE!


WHEN THE VEGANS OPENED THEIR SPACESHIP AIRLOCKS, SOME OF NEW TERRA'S AIR--WITH THE XX ELEMENT--SEEPED INTO THEIR SHIP! NOW WHEN THEY LAND ON EARTH, THE XX ELEMENT WILL MIX WITH EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE!
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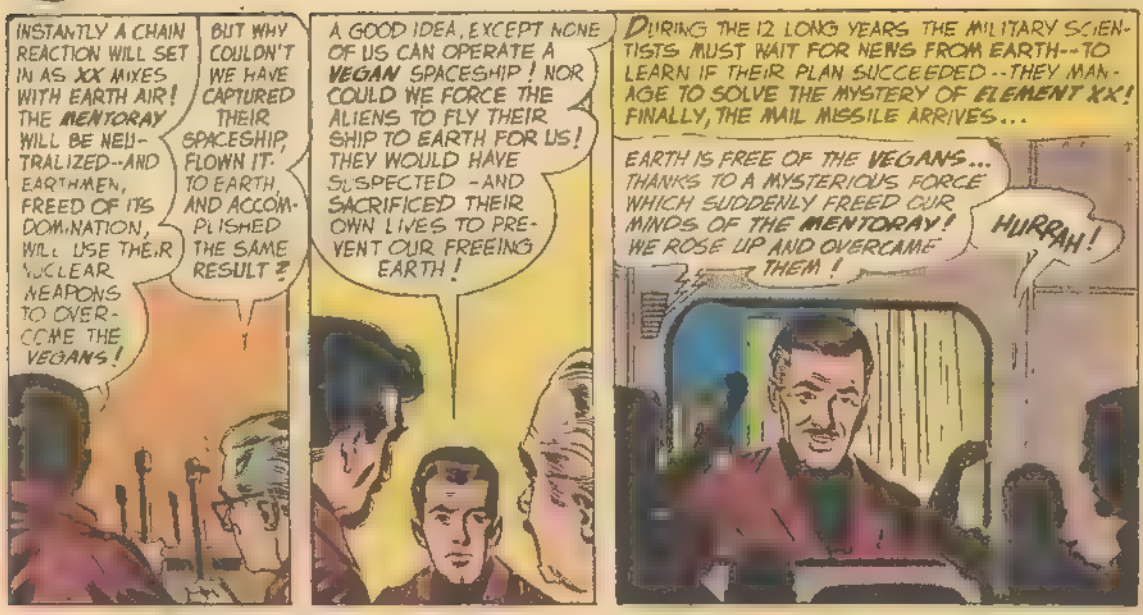
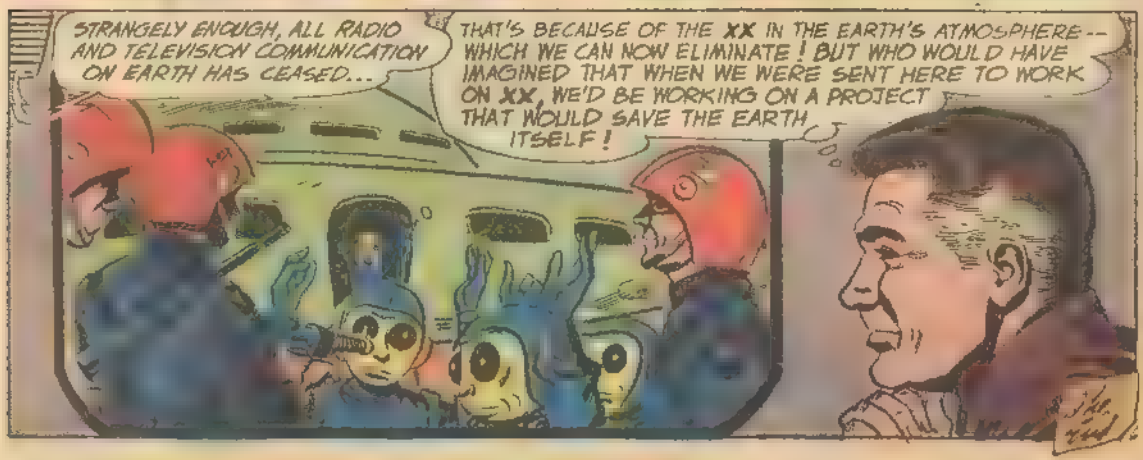

INSTANTLY A CHAIN REACTION WILL SET IN AS XX MIXES WITH EARTH AIR! THE MENTORAY WILL BE NEUTRALIZED--AND EARTHMEN, FREED OF ITS DOMINATION, WILL USE THEIR NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO OVERCOME THE VEGANS!
BUT WHY COULDN'T WE HAVE CAPTURED THEIR SPACESHIP, FLOWN IT TO EARTH, AND ACCOMPLISHED THE SAME RESULT?
A GOOD IDEA, EXCEPT NONE OF US CAN OPERATE A VEGAN SPACESHIP! NOR COULD WE FORCE THE ALIENS TO FLY THEIR SHIP TO EARTH FOR US! THEY WOULD HAVE SUSPECTED -AND SACRIFICED THEIR OWN LIVES TO PREVENT OUR FREEING EARTH!
DURING THE 12 LONG YEARS THE MILITARY SCIENTISTS MUST WAIT FOR NEWS FROM EARTH--TO LEARN IF THEIR PLAN SUCCEEDED--THEY MANAGE TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF ELEMENT XX! FINALLY, THE MAIL MISSILE ARRIVES...
EARTH IS FREE OF THE VEGANS... THANKS TO A MYSTERIOUS FORCE WHICH SUDDENLY FREED OUR MINDS OF THE MENTORAY! WE ROSE UP AND OVERCAME THEM!
HURRAH!


STRANGELY ENOUGH, ALL RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMUNICATION ON EARTH HAS CEASED...
THAT'S BECAUSE OF THE XX IN THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE--WHICH WE CAN NOW ELIMINATE! BUT WHO WOULD HAVE IMAGINED THAT WHEN WE WERE SENT HERE TO WORK ON XX, WE'D BE WORKING ON A PROJECT THAT WOULD SAVE THE EARTH ITSELF!

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THE TELESCOPE IN POSITION AT THE OBSERVATORY

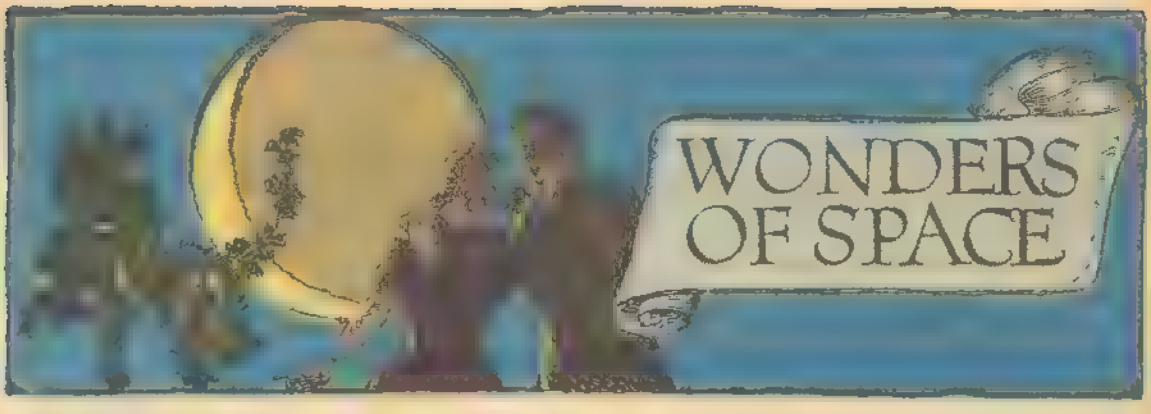
ASTRONOMERS BELIEVE THAT THE REMARKABLE **VEIL NEBULA** REPRESENTS A COLLISION BETWEEN INTERSTELLAR GAS AND GAS EXPELLED BY THE EXPLOSION OF A SUPER-NOVA STAR..

VEIL NEBULA IN CYGNUS

THE **GREAT NEBULA IN ORION** IS BELIEVED TO HAVE A MASS ...000 TIMES THAT OF OUR SUN -- YET ITS DENSITY IS ONLY ONE MILLIONTH-BILLION THAT OF THE AIR WE BREATHE (LESS THAN THAT OF THE MOST PERFECT ARTIFICIAL VACUUM)...

THE GREAT NEBULA IN ORION

THE ANCIENT GREEKS FANCIED THAT A CERTAIN GROUP OF STARS RESEMBLED THE FORWARD HALF OF THE MYTHOLOGICAL WINGED HORSE **PEGASUS**--HENCE THIS STAR FORMATION HAS BECOME KNOWN AS THE **CONSTELLATION PEGASUS**..



Dear Science Editor:

Is there any chance that the earth's moon has some sort of an atmosphere—despite all scientific evidence to the contrary?

J. B.,
Brighton, Pa.

Dear J. B.:

Obviously this question cannot be settled till we get to the moon and see for ourselves! However, some lunar observers have recently seen things which cause them to suspect that perhaps the moon does possess an extremely thin atmospheric blanket! One such case is the occasional occurrence of "twilight" at the horns of the crescent moon; even the horns themselves have been seen to be hazy and prolonged—phenomena that can best be explained by the presence of some atmosphere. In addition, certain lunar craters have been observed to be filled with pale light, as if containing *mist;* puffs of "vapor" have been recorded; American astronomers have detected luminous streaks which could be due to meteors flaring through the thin lunar atmosphere.

In the past decade, a Russian astronomer announced he had definitely detected an atmosphere with a ground density equal to one ten-thousandth that of earth—meaning that the *surface density* of the moon's atmosphere is about equal to that of the earth at a height of fifty miles, which is where most meteors burn themselves up in their earthward plunge.

Should there actually be an atmosphere on the moon, it could not possibly be breathable like our own. It would probably be composed mainly of carbon dioxide (a gas given off in large quantities by volcanoes) with traces of such heavy rare gases as krypton and xenon.

Science Editor

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Dear Science Editor:

How much time does an astronomer actually spend studying the stars through an observatory telescope?

R. C.,
Brunswick, Maine

Dear R. C.:

The popular conception of a professional astronomer is that he keeps his eyes glued to a telescope all night long peering at the planets, stars, comets. Actually, an astronomer hardly ever looks into a telescope except to focus it or to make sure it is pointed on the heavenly body that is being studied.

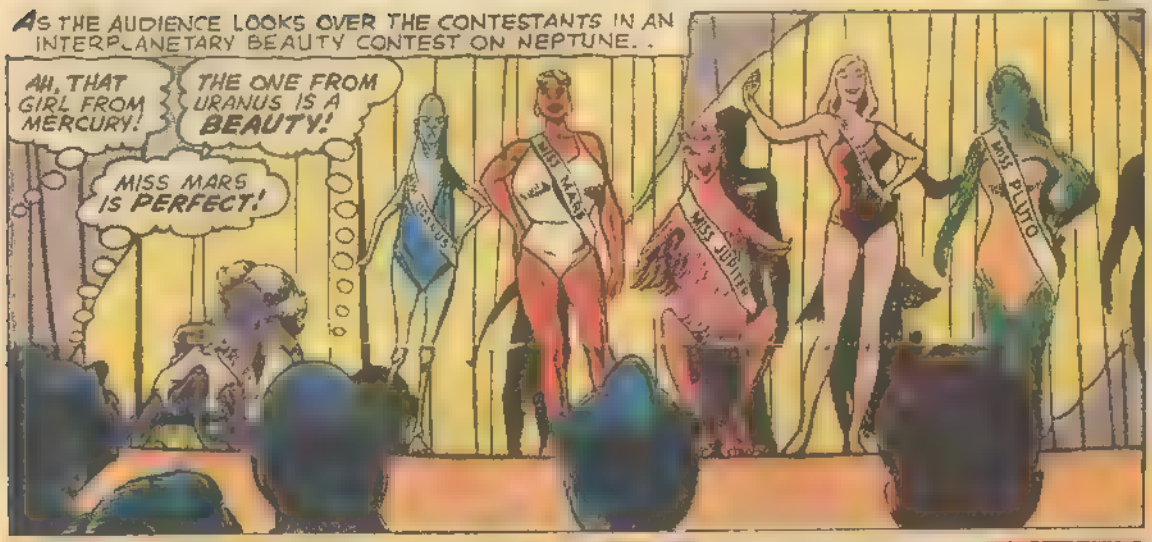
Once the telescope is pointed or "set" on a star, a motor or clockwork keeps the star steadily in view as it swings across the sky from east to west. Observatory telescopes are mounted to turn on one axis that points to the celestial pole and on another axis perpendicular to it that lies parallel with the plane of the earth's equator.

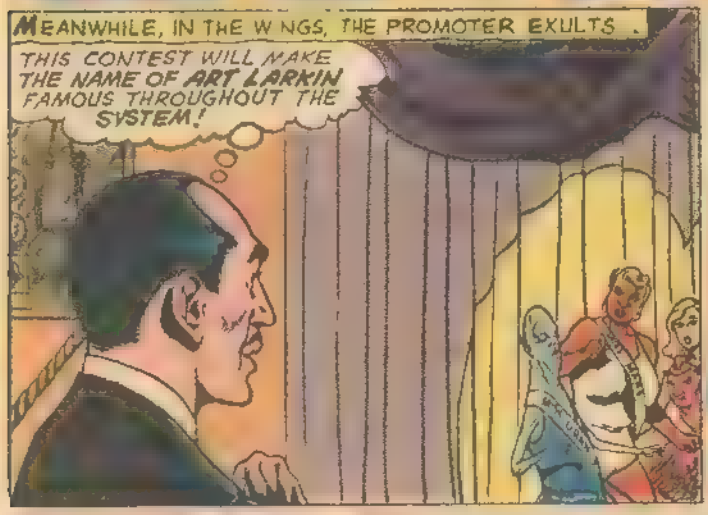
Practically all celestial observations are made by some automatic recording device attached to the telescope. One of the most important of these devices is the photographic plate. Long-exposure photographs bring out objects that cannot be seen by the eye. These photographs constitute a permanent record of an object at a particular time. They may be stored away and compared with other photographs taken years later. However, it should be pointed out that in the study of fine planetary detail—such as the markings on Mars—direct telescopic observation does have a decided advantage over the photographic plate.

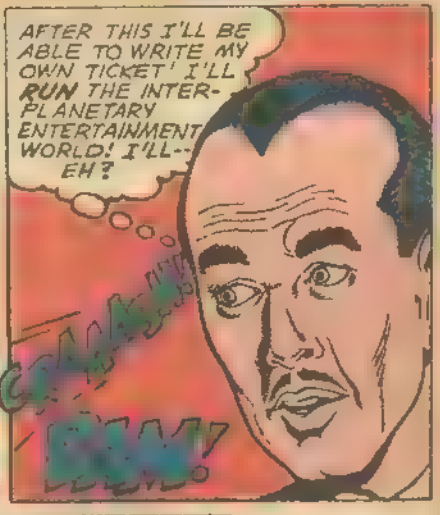
Science Editor

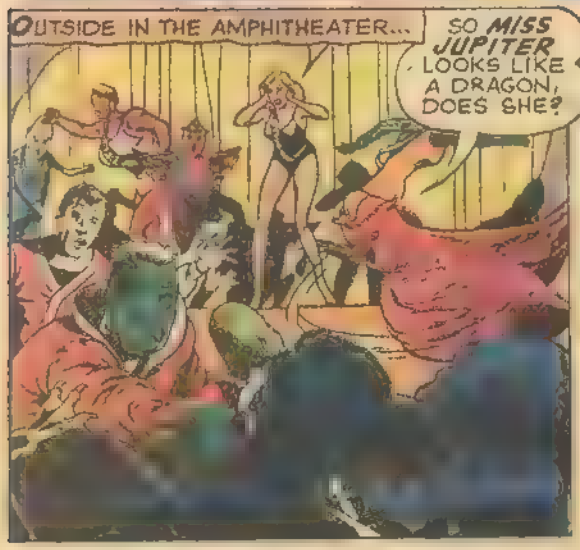
BEHIND the SPACE CURTAIN!

ART LARKIN WAS A THEATRICAL PROMOTER STRIVING TO MAKE A SOLAR-DOLLAR AND A NAME FOR HIMSELF--WHEN HE DREAMED UP THE BIGGEST IDEA OF THE 22ND CENTURY! ART KNEW THE IDEA WOULD EITHER BRING HIM FAME AND FORTUNE--OR IMPRISONMENT ON THE MOST REMOTE PLANET IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM! BUT HE WAS DETERMINED TO TRY IT OUT AND DISCOVER WHAT WAS IN STORE FOR HIM.
A GIANT METEOR--FALLING ON ATHENA!
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I COULD FIGURE OUT HOW TO STEAL PAST ATHENA'S ULTRA-RADAR WARNING SYSTEM--AND LAND ON THIS PLANET!

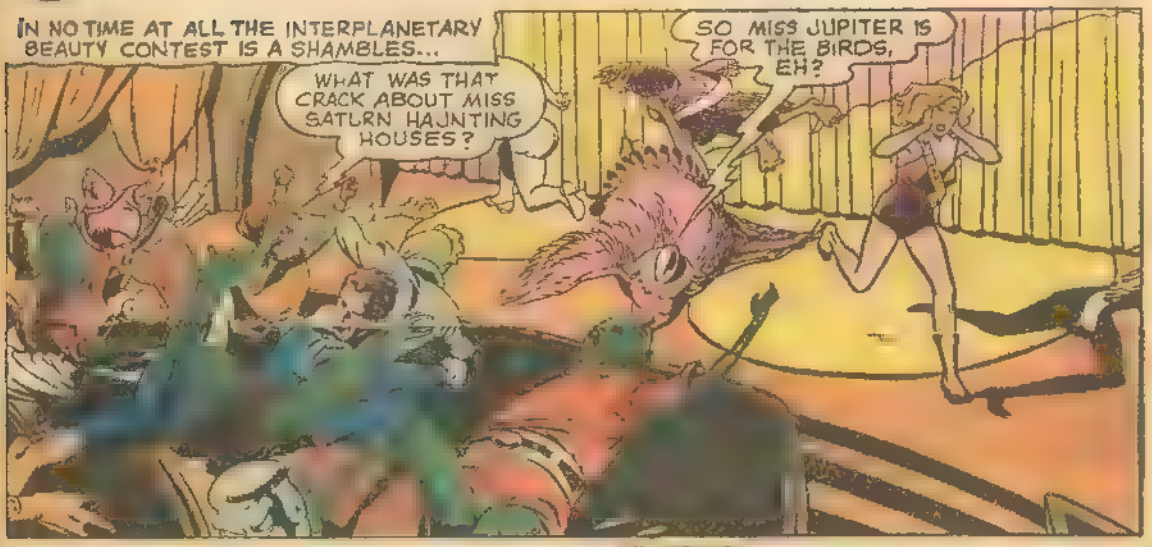

AS THE AUDIENCE LOOKS OVER THE CONTESTANTS IN AN INTERPLANETARY BEAUTY CONTEST ON NEPTUNE. .
AH, THAT GIRL FROM MERCURY!
THE ONE FROM URANUS IS A BEAUTY!
MISS MARS IS PERFECT!
MISS MARS
MISS JUPITER
MISS PLUTO

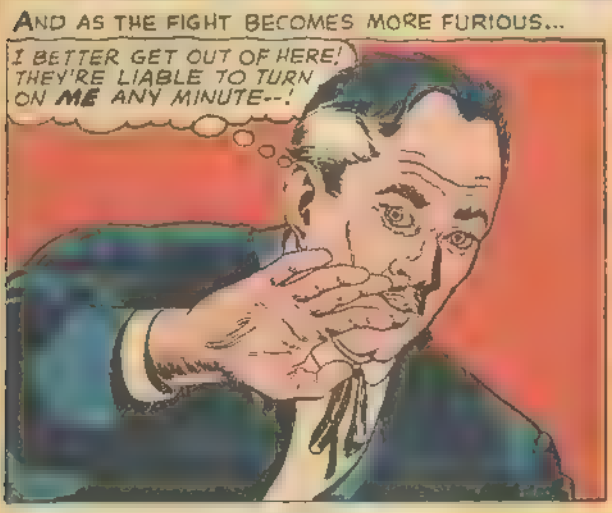

MEANWHILE, IN THE WINGS, THE PROMOTER EXULTS .
THIS CONTEST WILL MAKE THE NAME OF ART LARKIN FAMOUS THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM!

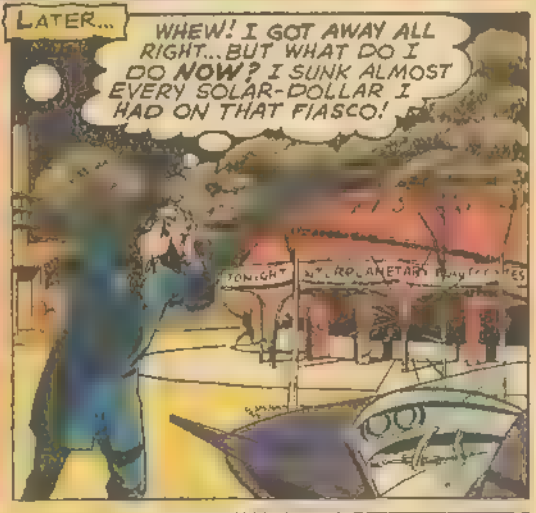

AFTER THIS I'LL BE ABLE TO WRITE MY OWN TICKET! I'LL RUN THE INTER-PLANETARY ENTERTAINMENT WORLD! I'LL-- EH?
BAM!

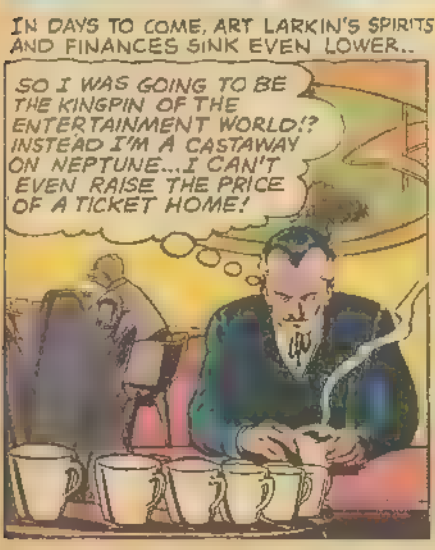

OUTSIDE IN THE AMPHITHEATER...
SO MISS JUPITER LOOKS LIKE A DRAGON, DOES SHE?

YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT HULD WERKI--THE PEARL OF PLUTO!

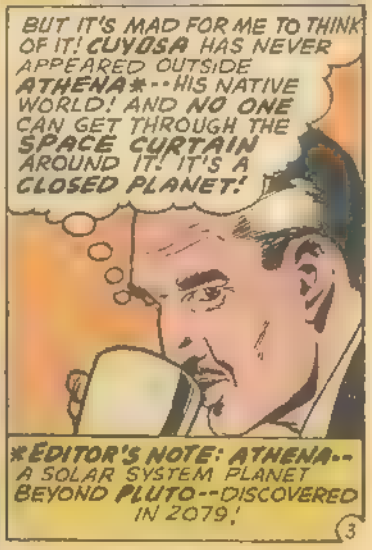

IN NO TIME AT ALL THE INTERPLANETARY BEAUTY CONTEST IS A SHAMBLES...
WHAT WAS THAT CRACK ABOUT MISS SATURN HAUNTING HOUSES?
SO MISS JUPITER IS FOR THE BIRDS, EH?

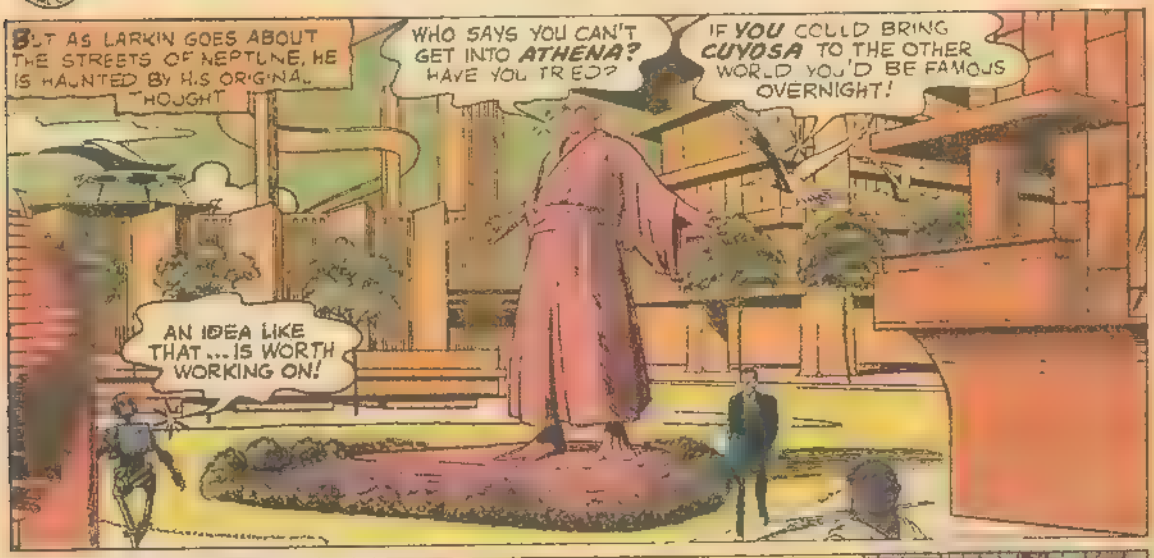

AND AS THE FIGHT BECOMES MORE FURIOUS...
I BETTER GET OUT OF HERE! THEY'RE LIABLE TO TURN ON ME ANY MINUTE--!

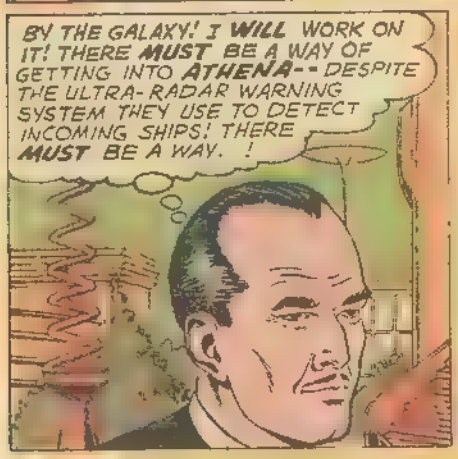

LATER...
WHEW! I GOT AWAY ALL RIGHT...BUT WHAT DO I DO NOW? I SUNK ALMOST EVERY SOLAR-DOLLAR I HAD ON THAT FIASCO!
TONIGHT

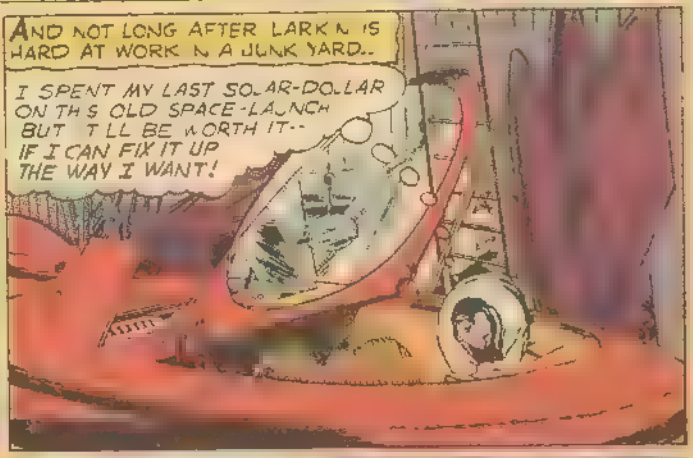

IN DAYS TO COME, ART LARKIN'S SPIRITS AND FINANCES SINK EVEN LOWER..
SO I WAS GOING TO BE THE KINGPIN OF THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD!? INSTEAD I'M A CASTAWAY ON NEPTUNE...I CAN'T EVEN RAISE THE PRICE OF A TICKET HOME!

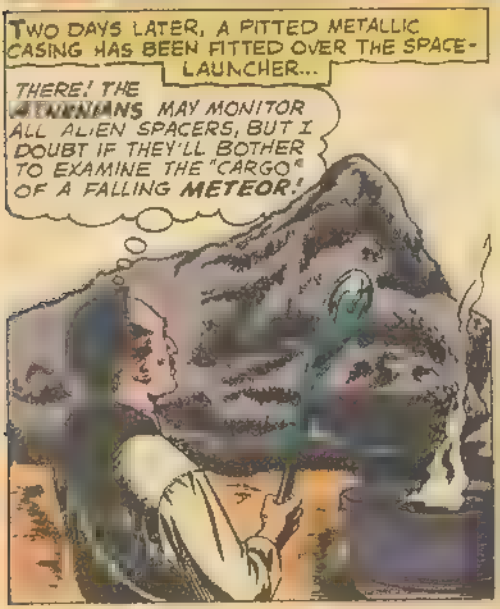
AS A WISTFUL THOUGHT STRIKES THE UNHAPPY PROMOTER..
IF ONLY I COULD BECOME THE MANAGER OF VAR CUYOSA, VIRTUOSO OF THE CRYSTALET! THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING...!


BUT IT'S MAD FOR ME TO THINK OF IT! CUYOSA HAS NEVER APPEARED OUTSIDE ATHENA*--HIS NATIVE WORLD! AND NO ONE CAN GET THROUGH THE SPACE CURTAIN AROUND IT! IT'S A CLOSED PLANET!
*EDITOR'S NOTE: ATHENA--A SOLAR SYSTEM PLANET BEYOND PLUTO--DISCOVERED IN 2079!


BUT AS LARKIN GOES ABOUT THE STREETS OF NEPTUNE, HE IS HAUNTED BY HIS ORIGINAL THOUGHT
WHO SAYS YOU CAN'T GET INTO ATHENA? HAVE YOU TRIED?
IF YOU COULD BRING CUYOSA TO THE OTHER WORLD YOU'D BE FAMOUS OVERNIGHT!
AN IDEA LIKE THAT... IS WORTH WORKING ON!


BY THE GALAXY! I WILL WORK ON IT! THERE MUST BE A WAY OF GETTING INTO ATHENA-- DESPITE THE ULTRA-RADAR WARNING SYSTEM THEY USE TO DETECT INCOMING SHIPS! THERE MUST BE A WAY. !


AND NOT LONG AFTER LARKIN IS HARD AT WORK IN A JUNK YARD..
I SPENT MY LAST SOLAR-DOLLAR ON THIS OLD SPACE-LAUNCH BUT IT'LL BE WORTH IT-- IF I CAN FIX IT UP THE WAY I WANT!


TWO DAYS LATER, A PITTED METALLIC CASING HAS BEEN FITTED OVER THE SPACE-LAUNCHER...
THERE! THE ATHENIANS MAY MONITOR ALL ALIEN SPACERS, BUT I DOUBT IF THEY'LL BOTHER TO EXAMINE THE "CARGO" OF A FALLING METEOR!

WAITING FOR DARK, LARKIN TAKES OFF IN HIS METEOR SPACESHIP...
ATHENA-- HERE I COME!

TWENTY-EIGHT EARTH-HOURS LATER ON THE FAR-FLUNG PLANET OF ATHENA... A SUDDEN APPARITION IN THE SKY STARTLES THE INHABITANTS
IT'S A GIANT METEOR..!
FALLING DOWN ON US!
RUN!
AS THE STRANGE OBJECT LANDS..
POW!
CURIOUSLY, THE NATIVES GATHER..
CAN'T GET NEAR IT--IT'S TOO HOT!
WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE METEOR COOLS DOWN TO EXAMINE IT CLOSER..
WHEN NIGHT FALLS ON THE "CLOSED PLANET"...
BY MY TIME RECKONING, IT'S GETTING DARK! JUST A FEW HOURS MORE--

THEN...IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT...
GOOD THING...
...I HAD A SPECIAL HEAT-CONTROL INSULATION...
OTHERWISE I'D BE BAKED LIKE A CLAM!
NOW TO FIND CUYOSA--AND SEE WHETHER HE'S REALLY AS GOOD ON THE CRYSTALET AS HE'S REPUTED TO BE!
AS THE EARTH PROMOTER MINGLES UNOBTRUSIVELY WITH THE ATHENIANS...
LUCKY I WAS ABLE TO GET HOLD OF ATHENIAN-TYPE GARB--NO ONE HAS GIVEN ME A SECOND GLANCE!
IF THEY DO SPOT ME, I'M IN TROUBLE! THE RULERS OF THIS PLACE HAVE AN IRONCLAD RULE--NO OUTSIDERS! I'VE GOT TO FIND CUYOSA WITHOUT DELAY--
AT A MUSIC HALL IN THE CAPITAL CITY...
I FOUND HIM EASILY ENOUGH! HE PLAYS THE CRYSTALET* HERE EVERY NIGHT!
*EDITOR'S NOTE: THE CRYSTALET NOT ONLY GIVES OFF MUSIC BUT DIFFERENT COLORS OF LIGHT BLENDING WITH THE MUSIC!

AMAZING! HE PUTS YOU IN A SPELL--MAKES YOU SEE VISIONS--WHEN HE PLAYS. IT'S THE LEGENDARY "MUSIC OF THE SPHERES"!
BACKSTAGE, AFTER THE PERFORMANCE...
WHAT? YOU ARE AN OUTSIDER?
YES! THE PEOPLE EVERYWHERE HAVE A RIGHT TO HEAR A TALENT LIKE YOURS, CUYOSA!
I CAME HERE TO TAKE YOU AWAY WITH ME. I'LL GUARANTEE YOU THE GREATEST SUCCESS ANY ARTIST EVER HAD.
I'M FLATTERED... BUT YOU'VE WASTED YOUR TIME, MR. LARKIN!
YOU SEE, I'M ALREADY IN TROUBLE HERE. I TOO WANTED TO LEAVE! I MADE PLANS, BUT THEY WERE DISCOVERED..!
IN FACT THERE ARE A COUPLE OF SECURITY OFFICERS OUTSIDE NOW, ONLY WAITING FOR THIS SHOW TO BE OVER TO ARREST ME! I'M SORRY, MR. LARKIN...
AS THE DOUGHTY PROMOTER FROM EARTH SETS HIS JAW GRIMLY...
CUYOSA, IF THEY ARREST YOU, THEY'LL HAVE TO ARREST ME, TOO! IF YOU DON'T WANT THAT, THEN COME ALONG WITH ME--AND THE TWO OF US WILL BREAK AWAY FROM THIS PRISON-PLANET!
B-BUT HOW--?

EVEN IF WE COULD GET PAST THOSE OFFICERS, THERE'S THE PROBLEM OF--
ONE PROBLEM AT A TIME, CUYOSA! I'VE GOT THIS ALL FIGURED OUT! NOW LISTEN CAREFULLY--
A MOMENT LATER, THE EARTHMAN RUSHES OUT OF THE DOOR..
OFFICERS! CUYOSA JUST ESCAPED! HURRY!
INTO HIS DRESSING ROOM--QUICK!
THE REAR DOOR--HE MUST HAVE GONE OUT THAT WAY!
AFTER HIM! WE'VE GOT TO CATCH HIM!
AFTER THE TWO OFFICERS HAVE CLATTERED OFF...
ALL RIGHT, CUYOSA--YOU CAN COME FROM BEHIND THAT DOOR NOW!
A SIMPLE TRICK--BUT IT WORKED! NOW WHAT DO WE DO?
SOON, AT THE SITE WHERE LARKIN LANDED..
A SPACESHIP DISGUISED AS A METEOR--!?
YES--I'M FULL OF TRICKS AS YOU SEE!
SUDDENLY, FROM BEHIND THE 'METEOR-SHIP'..
SURROUNDED BY GUARDS! WELL.. THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO NOW--

WITHOUT HESITATION, THE EARTHMAN LUNGES INTO ACTION...
-- AND THAT'S FIGHT! COME ON, CUYOSA -- IF YOU WANT TO GET OUT OF HERE -- FIGHT FOR YOUR FREEDOM!
I'VE GONE THIS FAR... NOTHING TO LOSE NOW!
WHEN THE GUARDS HAVE BEEN "GROUNDED."
HURRY, CUYOSA--! GET IN.
SOMEONE'S TURNED IN A GENERAL ALARM!
WHEEEEOOOO... WHEEEEOOOO
WE FAILED -- BY A COUPLE OF MOMENTS!
GET IN, I SAID -- AND LET'S BLAST OFF!
THE NEXT MOMENT, ONE PULSE AHEAD OF THE RAY SHOTS DIRECTED AT A SCREAMING TRAJECTORY
WE'RE MAKING IT! AND ONCE I GET IT INTO STAR-DRIVE -- THEY'LL NEVER CATCH US!
POW
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SSS...T POW
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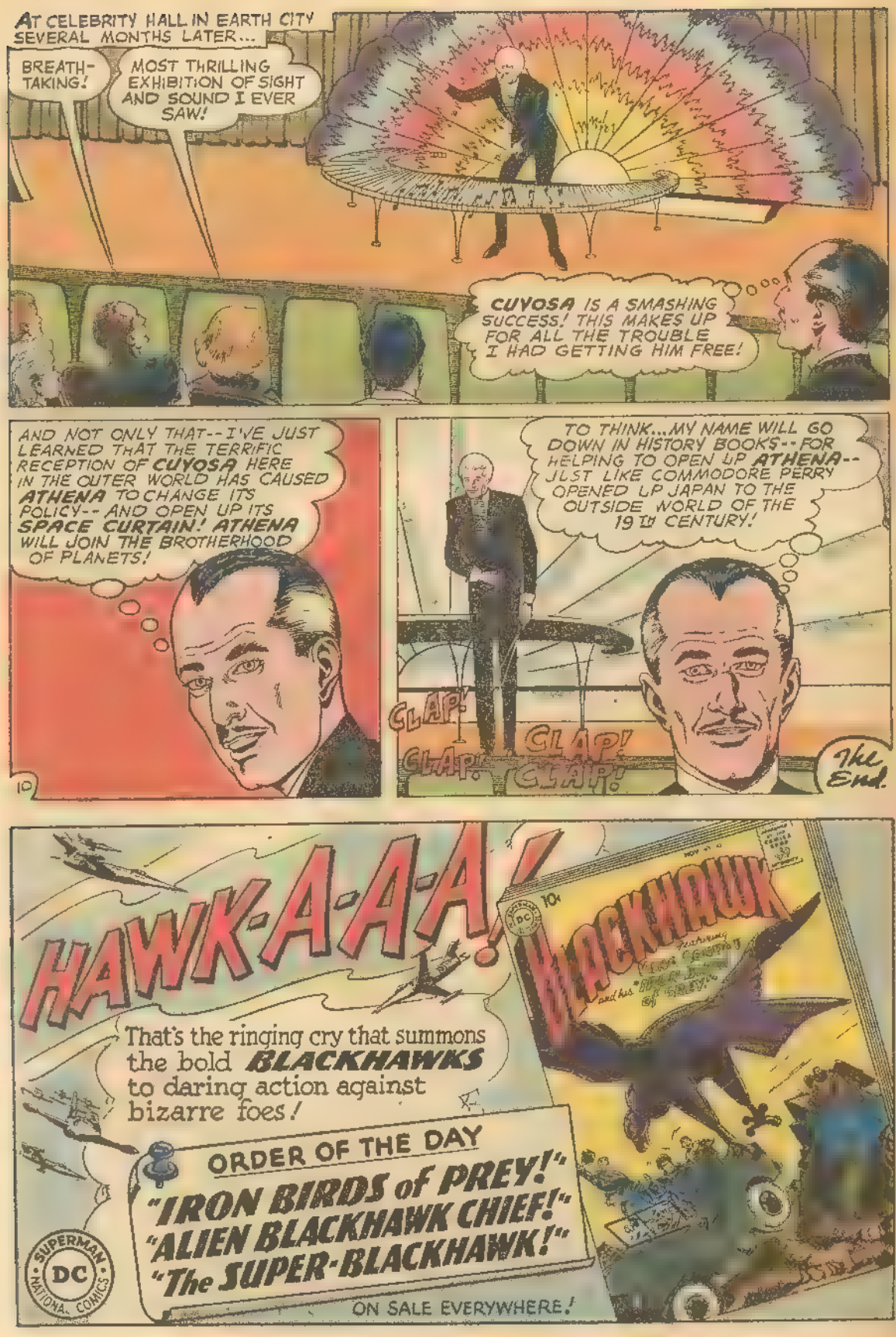
AT CELEBRITY HALL IN EARTH CITY SEVERAL MONTHS LATER...
BREATH-TAKING!
MOST THRILLING EXHIBITION OF SIGHT AND SOUND I EVER SAW!
CUYOSA IS A SMASHING SUCCESS! THIS MAKES UP FOR ALL THE TROUBLE I HAD GETTING HIM FREE!
AND NOT ONLY THAT--I'VE JUST LEARNED THAT THE TERRIFIC RECEPTION OF CUYOSA HERE IN THE OUTER WORLD HAS CAUSED ATHENA TO CHANGE ITS POLICY--AND OPEN UP ITS SPACE CURTAIN! ATHENA WILL JOIN THE BROTHERHOOD OF PLANETS!
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TO THINK...MY NAME WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY BOOKS--FOR HELPING TO OPEN UP ATHENA--JUST LIKE COMMODORE PERRY OPENED UP JAPAN TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD OF THE 19th CENTURY!
CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!
The End.
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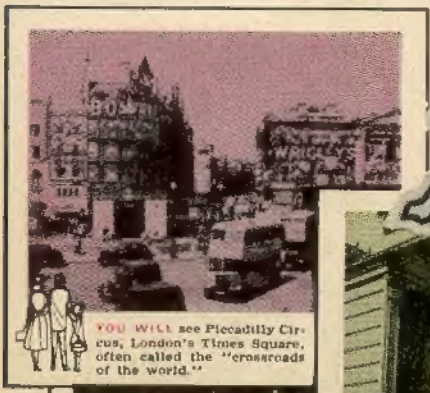

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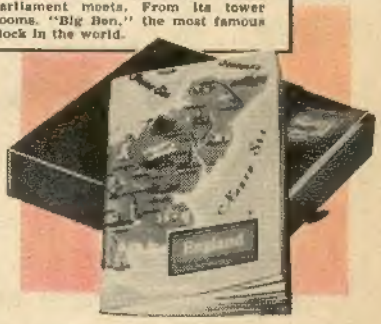

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